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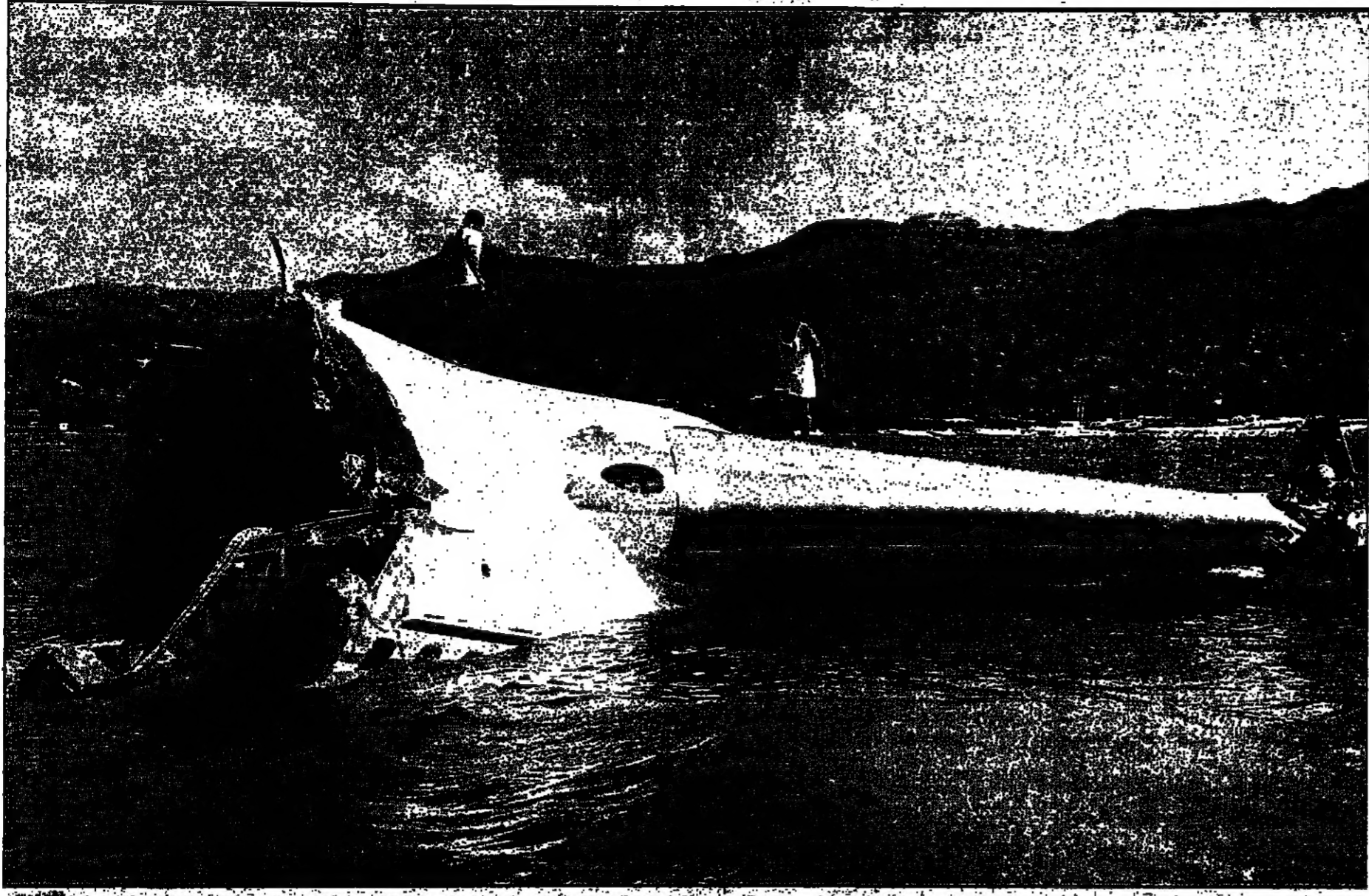
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## Recognition for journalists who work in extreme danger

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Wreckage from the hijacked Ethiopian airliner which crashed and broke up in the Comoros Islands yesterday, killing up to 123 people. PHOTOGRAPH: JUDIA NGWENYA

## Major caves in to Euro rebels

**Even MacAskill, Chief Political Correspondent**

**J**OHAN MAJOR dramatically caved in to Tory rebels yesterday to avoid the row over a single European currency overshadowing tomorrow's Budget.

After days of insisting that it would stand firm, the Government offered a series of concessions to the rebels, including a Commons statement on a single European currency this afternoon by Kenneth Clarke — an unprecedented step for a Chancellor on the eve of the Budget.

Given his well-known support for a single currency, Mr Clarke could face a mauling by Tory Euro-sceptics.

The Shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown, immediately seized on the Treasury statement, saying: "The Government's position seems to be changing from hour to hour. It is clear there is chaos and confusion at the heart of a government which is a direct result of weak leadership."

Mr Major, faced with the worst internal party crisis over Europe since the Maastricht treaty debates, ordered ministers on Friday to seek ways to placate the rebels.

The Government believes that the Budget is a potential vote-winner, and fears that its impact would be lost by the end of the week if the European row is allowed to fester.

Last night ministers were leaving blame for misjudging the scale of the revolt on the Chief Whip, Alastair Goodlad.

The rebels' response to the concessions was mixed, with some senior Tories welcoming them. But others were insisting they would fight on.

The rebels had been demanding a full Commons

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## 'They didn't give a damn...'

**Survivors of hijacked jet crash tell of ordeal. Ruaridh Nicoll and Alice Martin report**

**A**LARGE lump had emerged on Hiwot Tadesse's temple, but from her eyes anger and shock burned out. "The plane bumped and then went to pieces," she said. "The next thing I knew is that I'm half way into the water. I cried for help."

Lying in the next bed, Yeshimebet Geprme-strakel, Ms Tadesse's fellow air hostess, lay back, showing arms scarlet with bruises. "I was underwater," she said. "I think Hiwot pulled me out, but I don't know."

The survivors of the Ethiopian Airlines ET961 crash in the Comoros Islands looked dazed from their journey under three deranged hijackers. They were speaking from their beds in Moroni, the Comoros capital.

It was a trip that had begun early on Saturday in Addis Ababa and ended when the plane ran out of fuel and dove into the Indian Ocean at 3,200m local time. The wreckage now lies 500 metres off a headland.

The airliner had 175 people on board: 52 survived and 67 bodies have been retrieved. The rest are presumed dead, many of them trapped in the fuselage.

Two British women, Katherine Hayes and Elizabeth Anders, emerged with only slight injuries. Ms Hayes, aged 30, fixed details of her escape to relatives. "I was able to undo my seat belt and swim up to the surface," she told them.

Six other Britons aboard are feared dead. They include Tony Charters, a British aid worker in Ethio-



Elizabeth Anders... escaped with only slight injuries



Amin, who captured the first pictures of the Ethiopian famine in 1984, is believed to be among the dead. Two of the hijackers are under arrest.

Six of the 13 Ethiopian crew survived, including the pilot, Captain Leni Abate, aged 42, and the co-pilot,

Yonas Mekuria, aged 35, who had been badly beaten. The hijackers were intent on reaching Australia despite the pilot's desperate pleas that he only had enough fuel for a routine one-and-a-half hour flight.

"I guess they understood it, but they didn't give a damn," Mr Mekuria said.

About 20 minutes after the plane had lifted off from the Ethiopian capital the three men — all in their twenties according to survivors — stood up.

"I thought they were quarrelling, we stopped serving and they told us to sit down; they said if we didn't they would blow the plane up," said Ms Tadesse.

According to one survivor, the hijackers said they were opposition activists who had escaped from jail.

Survivors said one of the hijackers seemed to be carrying explosives. "There was something black in his hands," said Nagin Surri, aged 65, from Bombay. Two stayed at the front of the Boeing 767, while the third watched the main cabin.

Ms Tadesse said: "They removed the co-pilot. Three times they sat in his seat and moved the plane while the pilot struggled to steady it."

After four hours, the pilot realised there was no choice but to put down. The plane was over the Comoros, north of Madagascar. He told the passengers one engine had stopped and they were about to crash land.

"There were women, children praying," said Surri. "I knew this was the end of my life."

Caroline Fotherby, a manager at the hotel Le Galawa, said: "All you could hear was the sound of an aeroplane falling. And then there was a bang. The plane hit once, then hit again and nosedived, burning eventually on its side."

The plane landed 500 metres off the beach. Navy divers were in the water when it went down.

"Some people on the surface were already dead," said Ms Fotherby. "Most people drowned, one was decapitated."

## Carrot and stick plan to stifle dissent among Labour MPs

**Ewen MacAskill, Chief Political Correspondent**

**D**ISSIDENT Labour MPs will be publicly reprimanded, according to a document on party discipline obtained by the Guardian. But the review also promises wide-ranging consultation with backbench MPs on legislation and policy if a Labour government comes to power.

The 12-page document proposing changes to the standing orders of the Parliamentary Labour Party was sent to MPs over the weekend and will be debated by the PLP on December 4.

A key change is to tighten the rules of conduct for MPs by bringing in a new category of offence. MPs will be told "to do nothing which brings the party into disrepute".

Transgressions will be reported to the member's constituency party.

The review team, which includes John Prescott, the deputy leader, and Donald Dewar, the chief whip, may be seen by some disgruntled Labour critics as an attempt to stifle internal debate.

But the carrot of consultation — "an absolute obligation on ministers" — is seen as a way of avoiding rows.

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## BMA backs fluoride despite payout

**Stuart MILLER**

**T**HE row over the safety of fluoride escalated last night when the British Medical Association insisted that a £1,000 payment by a toothpaste manufacturer to a child whose teeth appear to have been damaged by the chemical did not constitute evidence that it is harmful.

Sharon and Trevor Isaacs, of Highams Park, Essex, received the "goodwill" payment from Colgate-Palmolive after their son Kevin, aged 10, was diagnosed as suffering from dental fluorosis, where the enamel is mottled by fluoride.

The company denies liability, but campaigners against fluoride have claimed the case adds to growing evidence that it is harmful. More than 200 families are already attempting to claim damages from toothpaste manufacturers.

There is mounting public opposition to the practice of adding fluoride to water supplies, but the BMA insisted it would continue its campaign to have the Government make water companies add fluoride to their supplies to cut tooth decay among children.

It is one of 30 health organisations calling for action against water companies which refuse to extend fluoridation through fear of legal action by campaigners who say it can damage health.

Noel Olsen, public health expert of the BMA council, said: "There is an abundance of evidence that there is not a problem with fluoride. It occurs naturally, and children drinking it in their water will generally have much healthier teeth than those who don't."

The Water Services Association, an umbrella organisation for the water industry, said: "Water companies are entitled to be concerned that fluoridation... is by no means universally supported among health experts or dental or medical professionals."

**Kevin Isaacs: £1,000 for teeth damaged by fluoride**

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# Irene's baffling rite of passage through India

The new Miss World, and patrons Julia and Eric Morley, emerged smiling, as ever, from the bruising protests and torrential rain of a less than welcoming Bangalore

### Monday sketch



Suzanne Goldenberg

It's hard enough to get used to the throne and the claret on Day One of what will be the most exciting year in your young life, but Miss World 1996 had the additional travail of appearing before her first paying crowd of journalists yesterday in an obviously inexpensive sari borrowed from a hotel housekeeper. So there she stood, Irene Skliva, an 18-year-old journalism student from Athens, in a deep-purple silk with a bright pink border, the pleats bunched inexpertly and dead-centre on her stomach, and behind her a pair of black patent platforms. Pity the housekeeper couldn't be persuaded to part with bangles or the ornate jewellery to make her look truly authentic. But Ms Skliva did her best

— which is how she plans to carry on for the next 12 months of opening motor shows, cuddling handicapped children, and smiling. So what does it mean to be a beauty queen of the 1990s? "I am going to work for Greece and I am going to do my best." Happily, she will have Julia and Eric Morley, the organisers of the pageant, by her side to help her endure the long absences from home. "We are a family, we are a big world family," Mrs Morley said, dipping in for Miss World when her limited knowledge of English — or of savvy replies — let her down. "Even the hotel staff here have become part of the family. They helped us and went and got a sari." It is a family that's grown and grown as the Morley caravan of international beauties circumnavigates the globe. After their exile from Britain, it's been Hong Kong, Sun City in South Africa, and now the less than hospitable welcome in India. The beauty queens always become as close as real life sisters after three weeks under the beady-eyed gaze of their chaperones, and with the nightly sharing of secrets that is bound to occur when bedtime is at 9.30pm. So you can imagine the intimacies of being confined to a hotel by weeks of noisy pro-



Smiles abound as Irene Skliva of Greece is crowned Miss World 1996 in Bangalore

PHOTOGRAPH: KAMAL KISHORE

tests against the pageant's very presence in India, and a security regime so stringent that the lone shopping outing was conducted with an escort of two busloads of policemen. Morley family life is so cosy that people pay to join: £2,000 a year for the privilege of running a beauty contest in their own country. But not every-

one can be part of Mrs Morley's happy family; certainly not the protesters whose threat to set themselves on fire in the stadium on the big night nearly ruined her show. Mrs Morley quickly said that Miss Skliva didn't want to talk about that. For herself: "I didn't enjoy that part, and I don't expect they did either."

Some people just refuse to understand that pageants are more than just well-paid pageantry. However, with the worst behind her, Mrs Morley could afford to be charitable towards the protesters — now that hundreds of them are safely behind bars, and dozens of others have large, unbecomingly, welts from police batons.

"I want to get to know them, and I want to sit down and talk to them," she said. "It wasn't quite the same at the dress rehearsal. But Mrs Morley can be forgiven a bit of pique when things go horribly wrong. A generator blew and the lights went out. "You and I both know it's not a genuine protest," she said then. "Here you can pay someone 10 rupees and you've got a crowd. Life is very cheap and I feel very sad about that."

The Morley family is going to pitch in here too — with fashion shows first, and then by "bringing open heart surgery to children who might otherwise not enjoy it". How much of the money raised by the show — where half the seats went unsold at prices starting from £25 — was actually going to charity? "It's an interesting point. I want to know myself," Mrs Morley told journalists. The entire Indian experience had been a bit bewildering. Hadn't Miss World proved beyond a doubt that the contestants respected Indian culture? Mrs Morley wore a designer sari with a meen (long skirt and trousers) more than once. The girls — as the 68 contestants are invariably called — did not wear shorts in public, and they all wore saris at one photocall, with bindis, or beauty marks, on their foreheads. So why did people keep harping about the swimsuit competition, which was hurriedly relocated to the Seychelles because of the ferocity of the protests? "Please remember, it's designer beach wear," Mrs Morley said. "Each designer has come from their own country."

Which is a major advance on the Miss Lovely Legs Indian beauty pageants of old. The beauty queens of yesterday have been reminding in the papers about how they had to line up in front of the judges — whose eyes were at knee level — and lift up their saris. And there was the crowning glory of the show itself, graced by an array of second-tier Indian celebrities — 14 dashing-looking elephants with white and green parasols. "I can't remember when I have seen so much fashion and beauty on one stage before," the compare gushed. Not to mention buckets of rain, but at least the well-heeled audience could shelter under their souvenir umbrellas. They also had cause to be grateful to Miss World for a Bollywood extravaganza with hundreds of dancers, creating on stage in the best Hindi movie fashion. It was a show-off of the best of the culture, the compare declared, and the sudden audience should realise that the pageant had put India on the map. "India is a most important country. The city of Bangalore, have put on an event the world can marvel at," the compare said. It's a shame, then, that this part of the pageant — the one that was left out of the live television broadcast.

# Clarke's balancing act

### Battle between incentives to vote Tory and keeping finances in healthy state



Kenneth Clarke filling up with petrol in Nottingham yesterday

### Budget points

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conclatory, throughout the interview on BBC Radio 4's World This Week. Mr Major will also be in touch today with Sir John Patten, the chairman of the 1997 Committee, which suggests all Tory backbenchers should be kept at a distance last week. Sir Marcus had sought a meeting with the Prime Minister after an angry session of the 1992 committee on Thursday in which MPs claimed the Government was ignoring Parliament. The Prime Minister, who spent much of yesterday in damage-limitation, spoke with Mr Clarke in the morning about making the Commons statement. Mr Clarke raised no objections, having from the start offered to participate in a debate. The original reason for refusing one was fear of the electoral damage caused by Mr Clarke being heavily criticised by backbenchers. Mr Clarke will go to the despatch box to try to correct what he sees as a series of misunderstandings. He will reiterate his promise that no decisions will be taken on a single currency at the Brussels meeting.

# Bid to quell revolt on eve of Budget

He will dismiss European documents leaked to the Sunday papers as irrelevant. They agreed to show that the Government had been involved in a "cover-up" by withholding from MPs vital papers on the euro single currency. The Treasury issued a statement saying Mr Clarke wanted to "correct" the article and "other misleading reports that have emerged over recent days". The statement said Mr Clarke also wanted to "reiterate" the points made in his letter to MPs last Friday, which sought to reassure them that no binding decisions affecting Britain's economy would be taken at the European finance ministers meeting on December 2 and at the Dublin summit on December 13. The row, which centres on European Union documents on preparations for the single currency, and the German-inspired "stability pact" under which members of monetary union could be fined for straying from budget controls, aroused suspicions among Tory Euro-sceptics that the Government was about to sign away huge powers to European bankers.

**K**ENNETH Clarke is today polishing his Budget speech, with most experts predicting a 1p cut in the basic tax rate to 23p and boosts to health and education spending. Although the Treasury predicts the public finances will be almost £27 billion in the red this year, Mr Clarke is under pressure from backbenchers to portray the Tories as a tax-cutting party, and tomorrow's Budget is expected to deliver giveaways worth £2 billion-£3 billion. The Chancellor spent yesterday at his Rushcliffe constituency as Treasury officials worked overtime to check Budget summaries which have already been printed amid tight security. Mr Clarke knows that failure to deliver tax cuts in his fourth and possibly last Budget could be the final blow to the Conservatives' hopes of wooing disillusioned voters — and so consign him to history as the Chancellor who lost the general election. But he will not easily abandon his campaign to be

known as a prudent, canny Chancellor, so he is likely to balance giveaways with spending cuts and extra levies on petrol and tobacco. Tight targets for the Budget deficit and a desire not to upset the City with net giveaways which could overheat an already healthy economy, will, however, limit Mr

Clarke's ability to pull big surprises out of his briefcase. There will be clear winners and losers in the battle between offering incentives to vote Tory while keeping finances on a steady road out of the red. The winners are expected to be health, education, and law and order, which opinion polls have shown are

richest 10 per cent would reap almost a third of the benefit of such tax cuts. The poorest third of society would get less than 3 per cent of the total relief. The report, Who Benefits from Tax Cuts, said the Chancellor should view child benefit as a tax cut: a significant increase would be the best way to help people on low pay. Cuts to the Department of Transport's budget will mean the loss of 35 road schemes, say environmental groups. The Land is Ours and Corporate Watch, which have passed on a leaked report from an official to the Transport Secretary, Sir George Young. "This confirms that the Government intends to use the Budget as a way of abandoning schemes which it privately admits will only increase traffic," said spokeswoman Penny Kemp. The report adds that if existing plans were to be met, the DoT would need an additional £250 million a year.

# Blair the blushing man of integrity elbowed out by Blair the campaigning politician

### Review

Anne Karpf

**Desert Island Discs**  
BBC Radio 4  
IT'S PURPOSE was unmistakable. Tony Blair's appearance on Desert Island Discs, like Cherie Booth's guest editing of Prima, was meant to show an Aran-sweated, home-loving human beneath the suited public figure. But it didn't work out quite like that. For every time Blair the man was touched — on his mother's death, for example, or on first meeting Cherie — his blushes fairly pulsed across the airwaves and, as Sue Lawley noted, he lost his fluency. What was revealed

was not so much the genuineness and integrity of Blair the man as the glibness and artifice (by comparison) of Blair the politician. This Desert Island Discs was more like In The Psychiatrist's Chair crossed with Newsnight. Inevitably much of the material was already in the public domain — Mr Blair's Oxford rock group The Ugly Rumours, for instance, and his father's stroke. Mr Blair argued that his "modernisation" of the Labour Party wasn't the cool act of someone without emotional ties to the party. "I didn't sit there and say 'How do we get the Labour Party into power? Ditch everything it believes in.' That's just rubbish, that's what's kept the left back for so long." He returned several times to the difference between principles and policy.

### Blair's airs

- Cancel Today, Ezio
- Clair de Lune, Debussy
- In My Life, The Beatles
- 4th of July, Asbury Park (Sandy), Bruce Springsteen
- Adagio for Strings, Samuel Barber
- Crossroads Blues, Robert Johnson
- Wishing Well, Free
- Recuerdos de la Alhambra, Francisco Tarrega
- Book: Ivanhoe, Sir Walter Scott
- Luxury item: a classical guitar

and though he mentioned the "vision" word, there was no reference to the "socialism" one. Sue Lawley should have pressed him more on the Oratory, but was otherwise in good form, asking the questions which needed asking, like why did you tell the Labour Party conference about your father's stroke, and how do you differ from John Major? On this last, Mr Blair was less than stirring: the Labour Party had "come to terms with the fact that we live in a market economy" but a few years into a Labour government we'd find "significant and beneficial changes from how the Conservatives governed the country". In his choice of music Mr Blair confirmed that he's a child of the 70s. No sign of Britpop: though one might have expected his kids to have inducted him into Oasis, his musical interests seem to have stopped at Springsteen and Free. Plus a touch of the blues (Robert Johnson) and a

dash of classical music (Clair de Lune and Samuel Barber's Adagio for Strings, otherwise known as the theme from Oliver Stone's Platoon). His desert island luxury was a classical guitar: to help him learn Francisco Tarrega's Recuerdos de la Alhambra. Perhaps the most striking thing about the programme was the frenzied press interest. Though Mr Blair spoke on Friday about Europe, the prints were far more interested in Desert Island Discs. A telling indictment of press treatment of politics, you might think, until you realise that for the political parties, DID is another weapon in the election propaganda war. And the media knows it.

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Donovan's picture of rock legend Jimi Hendrix



Terence Donovan (left), icon of portrait and fashion photography, was said to be anxious about how a new exhibition of his portraits would be received



Jerry Hall, one of Donovan's best-known models

# Donovan 'depressed before suicide'

Clare Longrigg  
**T**HE photographer, Terence Donovan, famous in the 1960s for portraits and fashion shots, was said to be nervous and depressed weeks before he killed himself at his west London studio at the weekend.

Donovan was remembered yesterday by friends in the art world as funny and loquacious, a Cockney lad who took on the elitist world of magazine photography and ended up calling the tune. Friends were shocked that a man who was a tower of strength for others had succumbed to depression.

Donovan gave up drink at the age of 35, but remained the life of the party. "He took to drink like it was going out of fashion. Then one day he stopped, but there was no change in his personality."

Photographer and gallery owner Adrian Flowers said: "Donovan was very influenced by Japanese culture. When he realised he couldn't compete with the industry, he probably decided to do the honourable thing."

Flowers ascribes his success to his working class roots. "Donovan's cultural inheritance from his Cockney background gave him two things: respect for nobles, and disrespect for everything he disagreed with - which often included the nobles."

Town magazine. He introduced stark single-source light, which was very successful. Gallery owner Zaida Cheesle said, "He was so supportive. He was a father figure to so many people. He was devoted to his family, a tower of strength."

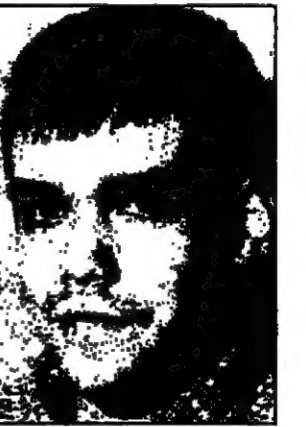
# Kidnapped man freed as police storm hotel

**A** 21-YEAR-OLD man rescued by police with stun grenades after being snatched from his home in Liverpool at the weekend and held in a hotel in north London was last night being debriefed by detectives.

Mr Kerruish last night said Mr Allee was found to be fit and well. "It was a very frightening experience for Craig. He was threatened and taken from his bed at 4am, and driven hundreds of miles against his will. He was upset, but he is now cheerful and in good spirits and grateful for what was done for him."

Mr Allee's family were also being interviewed in Merseyside. It emerged that his father was "known to the police" but officers refused to give details. There was no immediate motive for the kidnap although inquiries are believed to include the possible involvement of drugs.

Housekeeper Yolanda Ballister also went in to the room during the day. "There was a young lad sitting in a chair. I thought he was tying his shoelaces, but later found out he had spina bifida. I heard afterwards they might have had guns. I don't think I would have approached the door if I had realised that."



Craig Allee, snatched from his home in Liverpool

# Rivals eye last ITV minnows after Carlton snatches Westcountry

**T**HREE media moguls are poised to take control of all but one of the large ITV broadcasting franchises following Carlton Communications' acquisition of Westcountry Television for £25 million.



Following Westcountry's acquisition, Scottish TV is the only sizeable independent left. The media empires led by Lord Hollick, Michael Green and Gerry Robinson would control the bulk of terrestrial television in the independent sector.

The theories were all there: Channel 4 had capitulated to Home Office pressure, they had balked at a sketch differentiating between good and bad Aids, and that Michael Grade had taken the programme off air because he was worried about the bad light it would cast on his forthcoming campaign against privatisation.

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New rules to keep backbenchers in line

# Carrot and stick waved at Labour dissenters

Ewan MacAskill, Chief Political Correspondent

**A** LABOUR review team has opted for a carrot-and-stick approach to discipline, according to a document obtained by the Guardian.

The team, which includes the deputy leader, John Prescott, and the chief whip, Donald Dewar, proposes tough new powers against dissenting MPs once Labour is in government.

The aim is to avoid the internal wrangling which dominated the party in government during the 1960s and 1970s, as well as more recent sniping by Labour MPs against Tony Blair. Some dissenters may view it as an attempt to stifle internal debate.

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The 13-page document proposing changes to the standing orders of the Parliamentary Labour Party was sent out to MPs over the weekend and will be debated by the PLP on December 4.

A key change is to tighten the rules of conduct for MPs by bringing in a new category of offence. MPs will be told "to do nothing which brings the party into disrepute".

More surprising is the leadership's offer of extensive consultation in power. The rules state that ministers in a Labour government will consult committees of Labour backbenchers on policy.

They say: "Good consultation requires that the Government informs backbenchers adequately of work in hand and that the Government knows and takes into account the views of backbenchers when making key policy decisions."

They add: "In the case of legislation, there should be an absolute obligation on ministers to consult the relevant

departmental committee as early as possible.

The review group argues that dissenters will have less cause for complaint if they are brought into the process. Remote government is judged to have been a central failing of the Wilson and Callaghan years.

A further change is to give more places on the six Labour backbench committees to women. At least two votes must be cast for women candidates.

On discipline, the Chief Whip is to take the power to make reprimands public, instead of private, as at present. "A reprimand may be given by the Chief Whip in writing and reported to the Parliamentary Committee and to the constituency Labour Party of the member concerned," the rules state.

MPs have to be in regular attendance at the House and to maintain a good division record; to refrain from personal attacks upon colleagues; to act in harmony with the policies of the Parliamentary Labour Party; and to do nothing which brings the party into disrepute.

The review group, which also includes Mo Mowlam, Doug Hoyle, Bridget Prentice, Andrew Bennett and John Carrott, first met in January to look at the operation of the PLP after the next general election, and have met 10 times since.

Their work was carried out against a background of high-profile incidents, such as criticism of Mr Blair by the Labour MP Paul Flynn, who spoke of "hypocrisy and opportunism" in watering down policy, and by an anonymous MP writing in *Tribune* under the byline Cassandra.

The rules are also intended to try to cut down on the number of maverick actions that tied up legislation such as devolution in the 1970s.

In a preface to the report, PLP Review Committee: Preparing for Government, the group says: "The guiding principles have been to re-emphasise the importance of backbench colleagues having clear and explicit rights of consultation with ministers."



Clare Short, who saw two Tony Blairs; Paul Flynn (left), who lamented 'hypocrisy'; and 'squashed hedgehog' Austin Mitchell

## Blair's awkward squad: Recent months have seen several searing attacks on the leader from the heart of his party

**S**INCE the summer, Tony Blair has had several loose cannons in his ranks.

**July** — Andrew MacKinlay. The MP for Thurrock got pledges from 100 MPs to prevent Blair abandoning plans to cancel the year's shadow cabinet elections. "Backbenchers are determined to guard jealously what is now one of the few ways we have of shaping the party."

**August** — Clare Short. The shadow cabinet minister publicly attacked "people in the dark" for jeopardising Labour's chances of election victory. She said: "Blair came along as a fresh and decent man and some people are trying to turn him into macho man."

She described Blair as two people — one an authentic, likeable figure, the other a Frankenstein creation. "Tony and I had a get-together. I had

a talk with the nice Tony Blair. I really like that one." Of the other Tony Blair, she said: "I think he comes out in the dark."

**In July**, after her demotion from the transport portfolio to overseas development, she had only recently faced up to the "full nastiness" in politics, and criticised its "vanity and ego, manoeuvres and dishonesty."

**August** — Paul Flynn. The leftwing backbencher accused Blair of abandoning too many policies — of "forgetting Labour's greatest achievements" and "throwing the treasure chest overboard in a bid for votes."

"Labour must dump some of the baggage that has kept it out of office but so much is disappearing there is a danger we may arrive in port with an empty vessel," the MP for Newport West said.

**In July**, he wrote to Mr Blair attacking the "hypocrisy and opportunism" of "new" Labour and compared the party's shift to the right as "a cancer gnawing at the body of the party."

**November** — "Cassandra". A "senior Labour MP" wrote a caustic item in *Tribune*, predicting Blair would survive only months as prime minister before MPs started trying to ditch him. The writer claimed Blair was out of touch with his shadow cabinet and the rest of the parliamentary party.

"I have never known Labour MPs to be so bitterly and personally critical of their leader," the writer said, and forecast several crises within months of the election.

The party would then be plunged into "civil war" with "major fissures" opening over issues such as Europe, the minimum wage, devolution and trade union rights.

The writer also said that Robin Cook was a strong contender to replace Blair.

# Utilities draw unions into fight against windfall tax

Source: Mike and Richard Thomas

**T**HE privatised utilities have drawn several of Labour's biggest union allies into their campaign against the party's planned windfall tax on excess profits, after seeing their direct lobbying efforts rebuffed.

Senior union officials have approached the party's deputy leader, John Prescott, to press for consultation on the impact of the £5-10 billion levy, after threats from utility executives that the tax could trigger sweeping job cuts.

Among unions to have raised concerns about the tax's potential effects on jobs and investment are the public services union Unison, the GMB general union and the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union. Tony Young, joint general secretary of the Communication Workers' Union, has argued that British Telecom should be excluded from the tax.

Unison and the GMB in particular have emphasised their backing for the principle of the tax, while pressing for talks with Mr Brown on how jobs and investment can be protected.

Mike Jerara, Unison's senior utilities official, said yesterday: "We've had more than 75,000 job losses in gas and electricity since 1990. We want the small print of legislation to make sure that it hits the right people, not the consumers and staff."

A CWU spokesman said that while the union was not opposed to the tax's aims, it feared it could provide boards with a permanent excuse.

## 'Unions are being hoodwinked into unholy alliance against the tax'

One adviser said: "Whatever happens — water leaks, redundancies or diluted pension fund payments — the companies will blame the windfall tax."

A source close to Mr Prescott said: "There is clearly a degree of concern — especially given the fact that these firms have already sacked 200,000 people. But the fact is that unions are being totally misled by the companies."

Although Mr Prescott has been used as a conduit for union concerns, party officials denied any rift between him and Mr Brown on the issue. Mr Prescott is more concerned with the way the tax is spent, favouring regionally based disbursement.

In an effort to win over the utilities and their unions, Mr Prescott has suggested that some of the money be channelled into "training centres of excellence" run by the privatised firms themselves.

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News in brief

Tunnel 'could stay closed four months'

THE operators of the Channel Tunnel yesterday refused to confirm or deny reports that the tunnel could remain closed to passengers for up to four months, as ferry companies geared up for one of their busiest periods since the tunnel opened two years ago.

Britain faces court defeat

THE European Court of Human Rights is likely to overrule Britain's film censors today, as the Government challenges the Strasbourg judges over interference in national culture.

Police hunt teenager's killer

DETECTIVES are investigating the murder of a teenage girl attacked as she took a short cut home after enjoying a Saturday night out with friends.

30 stricken by meat bug

CONSUMERS anxious about a food poisoning outbreak linked to the Scottish Butcher of the Year were phoning a helpline yesterday as 30 people, including three children, remained in hospital.

Award for DNA scientist

THE British scientist who pioneered the development of genetic fingerprinting was awarded the 1996 Albert Einstein world award of science at Oxford University yesterday.

One ticket wins jackpot

ONE ticket scooped Saturday's £11.7 million National Lottery jackpot. The numbers were 16, 33, 34, 43, 46, 49, bonus ball 47.

Minister refuses compromises and demands 'genuine' ceasefire before place is offered at Stormont

Talks door ajar for Sinn Fein

THE Government yesterday left open the door to Sinn Fein's entry into talks if a "genuine and unequivocal" IRA ceasefire is declared.

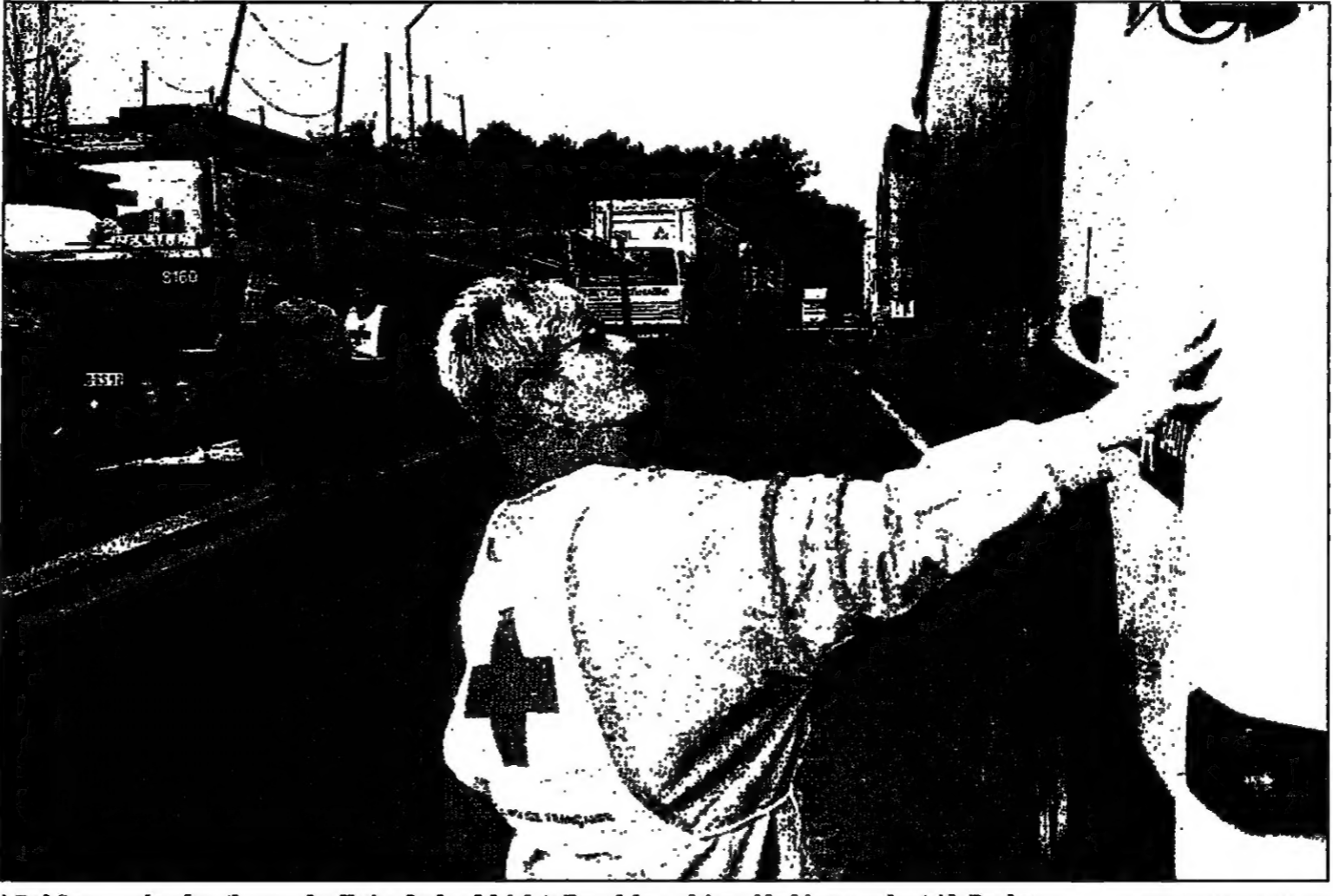
Government responded positively to proposals drawn up by him and Gerry Adams, which include the direct admission of Sinn Fein into talks and a time-frame of six months in which these would take place.

He avoided comment on demands for Sinn Fein's direct entry into the Stormont talks by sticking to a formula of words which leaves the initiative in the IRA's hands.

That means that the Government's own shopping list of demands includes an immediate halt to IRA activities such as punishment beatings, robberies, "dummy run" attacks and the targeting of security and political personnel.

Although the chances of seeing another IRA ceasefire before Christmas are slim, it is just possible that Mr Major might yet perfect a strategy to halt a renewed bombing campaign.

Mr Mitchell's compromise solution was that decommissioning should take place during the talks, rather than before as the Government and Unionists want, or after, as Sinn Fein wants. It now appears that Sinn Fein intends to interpret Mr Mitchell's plan as discussing the process of decommissioning during the talks.



A Red Cross worker does the rounds offering food and drink to French lorry drivers blocking a road outside Bordeaux. PHOTOGRAPH: REGIS DUMHAGU

The trucker

Name: Mark Baldwin Age: 32 Registration number: G401WA Monthly earnings: £1,300 gross

Le routier

Name: Philippe Rageot Age: 30 Registration number: 4591VCS6 Monthly earnings: £750 net

French 'better off and still moaning'

Alex Duval Smith on the reaction of British truckers caught in the lorry blockades

HUNDREDS of stranded British lorry drivers face a second week of uncertainty as their French counterparts yesterday pledged to maintain 100 roadblocks all over France and to seal off Paris if talks fail.

conditions ought to be identical because they are agreed on a European scale. But it would appear that British employers are more respectful of the rules.

Humans 'still in radiation tests'

Owen Bowcott

EXPERIMENTS in which human volunteers are injected with radioactive isotopes are still being undertaken for medical research, a former government scientist said yesterday.

Residual traces of the barium 133 injected into him 10 years ago were still present. The experiment helped calculate the dosage inadvertently assimilated by workers using radium in luminous paint during the war.

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# 6 WORLD NEWS

## Court ruling on Belgrade poll brings mass protests

# Serbia annuls opposition win

Julian Borger in Sarajevo

A CROWD of more than 20,000 opposition supporters demonstrated in the Serbian capital yesterday after an apparent opposition victory in Belgrade city elections was annulled by a state-controlled court.

The ruling seems certain to put the ruling Socialist Party (SPS) and the opposition coalition Zajedno (Together) on a collision course in a confrontation which has been gathering pace since the local elections on November 17, which Zajedno claims were rigged.

**'The regime is spitting in our face; we must come out in the streets'**

The regime is spitting in our face. We should come out in the streets. Mr Draskovic said on radio.

becoming aware that the regime in Serbia cannot be changed by elections and can only be changed by force. The SPS lodged protests, and the opposition's victories were either frozen, on the grounds of unspecified voting "irregularities", or reversed

Britain's ambassador to Belgrade, Ivor Roberts, wrote to the Zajedno leadership last week expressing "grave concern" about the situation. Western diplomats have made it clear that lifting the remaining financial sanctions on Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) depends on progress towards a functioning democracy.

# Chechen rebels rejoice in freedom

## The decision to withdraw troops from Chechnia may be popular in Russia, says James Meek

A RECOVERING Boris Yeltsin defied his opponents' mantra — that leaders who start wars cannot stop them — when he accepted the final defeat of the Russian army in Chechnia at the weekend, granting the rebels the freedom he spent two years and tens of thousands of lives trying to deny.

the Caucasus for 300 years". The Chechen military commander, Aslan Maskhadov — who could be the future ruler of the region likely to be renamed "Ichkeria" — said: "We did not set ourselves the task of beating the Russian army. We fought to ensure that there was not a single Russian soldier on our territory, and I think we have achieved that aim."

elections on January 1997, and the rebels accept that no final decision on the territory's status will be made until the end of 2001.

forcing peace on the region. Mr Yeltsin's move leaves Moscow with the difficult task of negotiating terms with the rebels for the defence of ethnic Russians, compensation for war damage, and use of the infrastructure left behind: the road and railway linking the Russian north Caucasus with Baku and Iran; Grozny airport; and the pipeline which is supposed to export oil extracted by Western firms from under the Caspian Sea.

But the final troop withdrawal is likely to be popular with most Russians, who never wanted the conflict in the first place and resented the deaths of Russian conscripts more than the deaths of Chechen civilians.

Many Russians believe the best way to control Chechnia would be to turn it into a kind of Gaza Strip, with tight border controls. Chechnia is surrounded on three sides by Russia and by the Caucasus mountains on one side.

## News in brief

### Court to consider Bhutto's challenge

WITH time running out for the ousted Pakistani prime minister, Benazir Bhutto, in her campaign to be restored to power before general elections in 10 weeks' time, the supreme court finally agreed yesterday to consider her petition challenging dismissal.

### Dreux defeats National Front

BACKED by the left, the conservative mayor of Dreux, near Paris, beat the National Front candidate in a run-off election, dealing a blow to the far-right party's quest for greater influence.

### Standoff on Gaza Strip road

ISRAELI soldiers were locked in a standoff yesterday with hundreds of Palestinian motorists who blocked a road off-limits to Arab civilian traffic near a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip.

### Whiff of hell for congregation

SOUTH AFRICAN churchgoers were treated to a realistic "fire and brimstone" service yesterday when their Calvinist theologian accidentally set off a canister of teargas.

**'I've been in jail for two years because I tried to learn the truth in the belief that it is impossible to have other freedoms in a country where there is no freedom of the press.'**  
Journalists on the front line

## Security chiefs pool ideas

OFFICIALS of the security and intelligence agencies of more than 30 countries — for years sworn enemies in a secret and often dirty contest — gathered in Brussels last week for an exchange of views on how to deal with common targets in the post cold war world.

### Richard Norton-Taylor

They were invited by a special committee set up by Nato in 1982 to counter "subversive activities", or in the words of its present chairman, to report to member governments "espionage, terrorism, political extremism and factors of instability".

### James Meek in Moscow

THE Russian leadership, the only outside force able to put pressure on the warring politicians in Belarus, drew back in despair yesterday to await the inevitable clash after the day's controversial constitutional referendum.



A Belarusian woman leads her two goats to a polling booth in Minsk as she prepares to vote in yesterday's referendum

# Moscow treads warily as Belarus votes

Interfax news agency reported last night that the turnout had been high enough to validate the vote. In defiance of the law, polling stations were open for more than a fortnight before yesterday's final day of voting.

Foreign observers refused to attend the referendum after Mr Lukashenko illegally sacked the head of the Belarusian electoral commission, sending guards to eject him from his office.

Mr Lukashenko was expected to secure the results he wanted from the seven-question referendum — most importantly, approval of a new constitution extending his term by two years to 2001, and giving him the authority to appoint judges and a significant number of MPs.

Parliament's own questions, calling for the virtual dissolution of the presidency, were not expected to win backing. Most MPs, and the head of the constitutional court, oppose Mr Lukashenko.

would not dissolve parliament, but hinting that it would have to dissolve itself within a month.

# EU urged to take in states left out by Nato

The commission wants to wait, but the US and Western governments are urging it to begin membership talks next year with most central and east European countries, to avert political destabilisation.

THE European Commission is under pressure from the United States and Nato to drop plans for phasing the enlargement of the EU and begin talks with almost all would-be members in central and eastern Europe by the end of next year.

The commission believes that some who want to join are not ready for full membership, but Western governments fear the politically destabilising consequences of simultaneous rejection by Nato and the EU.

Only Slovakia and Bulgaria may now be excluded from early talks with Brussels

pass the finish line when they are clearly ready for the responsibilities of membership". The Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovenia are already hot favourites to join in 2002, but they may now be accompanied by Estonia, which has the most advanced economy of the Baltic states.

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# Clinton launches dual offensive on scandals

Martin Walker in Washington

**B**ILL CLINTON'S administration and a close former aide launched a double counter-attack yesterday against threatening new scandals, insisting that the dubious campaign contributions from Asian sources had not influenced policy, and forming a campaign to attack the credentials of the independent counsel investigating Whitewater-related scandals.

Mr Clinton's national security adviser, Anthony Lake, said the president had been far tougher on Indonesia than his predecessors. "Look at the record. We tightened up on arms sales to Indonesia and we voted for human rights inquiries at the United Nations," he told NBC-TV. "Our trade strategy with Asia is in US interests."

James Carville, Mr Clinton's former campaign strategist, said he was forming a campaign to expose the biased nature of the Whitewater counsel, Kenneth Starr.

"We're gonna bring the truth about Kenneth Starr

and his partisan political agenda to the American people," Mr Carville said. "I'm sick of this nutty appeasement strategy for a guy like Starr, who detests this president."

The campaign finance scandal comes as Mr Clinton consolidates his Asian relations at this week's Asia-Pacific economic conference summit in the Philippines and banking data suggests as much as 70 per cent of this year's new US treasury debt has been

weekend after the administration refused to hand over 33 national security council documents relating to foreign trade missions which have been linked to the fund-raising scandal.

A new clash between the White House and Congress is expected after the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Democratic national committee has returned more than half the \$2.5 million (£1.8 million) raised by John Huang, a former employee of

legal US resident, although not a citizen. It now says that it is no longer sure of his resident status, since he did not file a tax return this year.

The party has now returned \$1.87 million of the sum raised by Mr Huang, including the amounts which have spurred the FBI investigation. These were donations from a fund-raiser attended by the vice-president, Al Gore, at a Buddhist temple in California. Among the donors were Buddhist nuns and priests who have taken oaths of poverty, and who said they were handed \$5,000 in cash and then asked to write cheques in their own names.

The FBI is expected to advise the attorney-general, Jesse White, this week whether there are sufficient grounds to appoint an independent counsel to investigate the affair, as a Republican senator, John McCain of Arizona, has demanded.

Mr Clinton has already wooed Mr McCain, the co-sponsor of a campaign finance reform bill with Democratic Senator Russ Feingold, promising to support the bill.

## The Democratic Party has now returned \$1.27 million of the sum raised by Huang

bought by foreign interests, overwhelmingly Asian.

The FBI will begin a potentially criminal investigation this week into the Democratic Party's fund-raising from Asian sources, even as the Democrats scramble to return the donations and stonewall congressional demands for documents which could shed light on the affair.

Five House of Representatives committee chairmen sent a letter of protest at the

Indonesian-based Lippo Group, who took a senior post in Mr Clinton's commerce department before becoming a full-time Democratic fund-raiser.

On Friday evening the DNC announced that it was returning \$450,000 donated by Arief Wiriadinata, a landscape gardener whose father-in-law was a top Lippo bank official. The DNC claimed throughout the election campaign that this was a lawful donation.

# US and China agree on summit

Bill Clinton's talks with Jiang Zemin may stabilise relations, but the president has to take account of worries at home, writes Nick Cumming-Bruce in Manila



Bill Clinton and Jiang Zemin shake hands at the economic conference in Manila. PHOTOGRAPH: JOE MARQUETTE

**B**ILL CLINTON moved closer to fulfilling one of his foreign policy priorities by agreeing yesterday an exchange of visits with the Chinese president, Jiang Zemin.

The US vice-president, Al Gore, will visit Beijing in the first half of 1997. Mr Clinton and Mr Jiang will hold summits later that year and in 1998.

The deal drew praise from Beijing and a sharp rebuke from the US human rights lobby.

Mr Clinton, who said he thought the meeting went very well, has made public his aim to pay the first presidential visit to Beijing since 1989. But the main US objective is to establish a framework for top-level contacts to stabilise a relationship severely

strained by disagreements on Taiwan, trade and human rights.

The US secretary of state, Warren Christopher, arranged the deal during a two-day trip to Beijing last week. In seven hours of talks with China's three top leaders, he stressed that "confrontation and containment is not the direction the United States is going with respect to China" and called for a new era of cooperation.

Mr Christopher's trip was itself the culmination of months of negotiation by senior administration officials, notably the national security adviser, Anthony Lake, to try to set the bilateral relationship on a more positive footing.

Chinese officials described the meeting as "friendly, positive and constructive", which is fulsome praise in the light of recent comments.

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Workers search for mines as a woman digs up the land just cleared by them near Quito, Angola. While the peace continues people are returning to the country, but have difficulty in finding safe fields to plant as an estimated 12 million mines were scattered all around the country during 20 years of civil war. PHOTOGRAPH: GIOVANNI D'OFFICENT

# Governments play the numbers game with missing Rwandans

In Stuttgart, military officials agreed that up to 250,000 refugees remained in eastern Zaire, but did not decide on intervention, despite UN estimates of three times that number. In Goma, Chris McGreal reports on the 'lost' people Kingali and its allies would rather forget

**A**ST week American and United Nations officials included the same satellite photos of the same tracks of eastern Zaire and came up with entirely contradictory conclusions. The Americans saw almost nothing. The UN spotted 750,000 miserable souls being driven in circles.

As the international debate shifts from what can be done to assist the Rwandan Hutu refugees still in Zaire to whether they even exist, the Rwandan government and its allies appear ever more willing to tie them off. The third day of a meeting of Western military chiefs in Germany yesterday was unable to agree whether there was any need for foreign intervention in eastern Zaire.

The Rwandan government in Kigali and its Zairean rebel comrades in Goma say there are no more refugees. The US took the same view, claiming it could find no evidence of the missing hundreds of thousands in its satellite photos. It later admitted having spotted 200,000 people with aerial flights.

Yet the UN found nearly four times as many "lost" refugees. It said people were spread across several hundred miles, from around Goma, north of Lake Kivu, to Bukavu at the bottom of the lake. Another mass — probably mainly Burundians — was spotted south of Uvira on the Burundi border.

About 300,000 refugees are gathered around the town of Walikale, 75 miles west of Goma, driven by Zairean army units retreating from the rebel offensive toward the city of Kisangani, missionaries said. A similar number of refugees are on the move far south of Bukavu, probably including Zaireans who fled the rebel occupation.

The UN said another 175,000 refugees were encamped at Nyumbi, on the west bank of Lake Kivu, with units of the Hutu militia chased from the camps by the rebels and the Rwandan army 10 days ago.

There is no firm information about the condition of the "lost" refugees, but most of them fled their camps a month ago. Since then they have been living off the land and kept moving by the fighting. A few individuals who have reached safety report deaths from starvation, exhaustion and disease.

Yet the Rwandan government and Zairean rebels continue to deny the refugees exist. Most immediately, they appear intent on averting military intervention in eastern Zaire. If the refugees do not exist, there is no one to help.

There may be other motives. The influx of 500,000 Hutus over the past week is putting extraordinary pressure on the Rwandan authorities' resources, especially housing.

Rwanda is appealing for \$700 million (\$466 million) to help pay for the resettlement of refugees, money it does not want to see diverted to intervention in Zaire.

As the Rwandan army has already broken the back of the Hutu militia and dispersed the refugee camps on Rwanda's borders, the government no longer places the same urgency on getting the remaining Hutus home, according to one UN official.

"If the refugees withdraw away or simply become defacto Zaireans, don't think that's going to bother anyone

too much inside the Rwandan establishment," he said.

"They only ever wanted these people back to stop them providing a haven for the interahamwe and cross-border attacks."

The Rwandan position has strong backing from the Americans, who helped stall proposals for intervention at the UN Security Council, and vacillated when asked to help track the refugees by satellite.

American diplomats in the Rwandan capital, Kigali, support the Rwandan government claim that there never were one million refugees in eastern Zaire, and that those who have returned constitute the overwhelming bulk of the Hutus who fled two years ago.

Whatever the real figures of those who crossed into Zaire in 1994, there is no doubt the same number have not returned to Rwanda. The exodus to Goma two years ago took three days of solid mass movement of people crumpling through the border post and filling every conceivable space in the town.

As they left Goma 10 days ago the main flow lasted less than two days, without the same rush. It could not have accounted for much more than half those who tramped into Goma in 1994. And that leaves hundreds of thousands of other Rwandans who fled into Bukavu unaccounted for.

# War's legacy lives on in gangland

Peter Hudson in San Salvador on the rising toll from El Salvador's street gangs

**V**SITORS to the poor San Bartolo district of El Salvador's capital could be forgiven for forgetting where they are. Graffiti pays homage to United States hip-hop culture — an impression confirmed by local youngsters' preference for rap music, gangster-style baggy trousers cut off below the knee, and imported trainers. Their tattoos boast membership of *maras*, the street gangs which originated in Hispanic communities in the US.

The *maras* are a product of the country's fascination with north American culture. Almost a fifth of the 5.5 million population lives in the US, mainly Los Angeles, and one of the two main gangs, the *Mara 18*, takes its name from San Salvador's 18th Street.

But involvement in the US *maras* usually leads to prison and forcible return to El Salvador, where the deportees establish local gang branches.

"Those guys are much more cool," explains Elmer, aged 15, a member of the

*maras* provides a family, territory and self-esteem," Fr Moralez says.

Most analysts agree that the problem is wider than the *maras*. Violence permeates all levels of society — partly a legacy of the dirty war in which 75,000 people died — and the gangs are easy scapegoats for the police and courts, which lack the funding and competence to find the real culprits.

Benjamin Cuellar, director of the Institute of Human Rights at the Central American University in San Salvador, estimates that there could be 300,000 firearms left over from the war, but he believes the real problem is the failure to face up to the consequences of the conflict.

"The [United Nations] was keen to present the peace process as a great success, but it never looked beyond the surface," he says.

"There was a truth commission, but its report was shelved five days after it was published, and the declaration of a general amnesty. The two sides forgave themselves for all their crimes, but the people won't forget all the blood that has flowed here

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## Anti-stress room is a smash hit

Jonathan Watts in Tokyo

**"A**T FIRST I wasn't sure if I ought to. After all, everything was so valuable. But once I got started... well, I just let rip and it felt fantastic."

When Mr Watanabe, who describes himself as an ordinary Japanese businessman, and three of his female colleagues entered the stress-relief room it resembled a busy antique shop. Gilt-framed paintings hung on the walls, an elaborately decorated screen stood in a corner, and statues and an ornate Inari vase were neatly arranged on a mother-of-pearl table top.

Two hours later, Mr Watanabe and friends left the place looking as if it had been hit by a typhoon. The frames were mangled, the pictures torn, the screen chipped, the table wrecked, the statues headless and smithereens of the vase lay scattered on the floor.

It might be good therapy, but even with five customers at a time entry fees fail to cover the £1,000 value of the goods that get demolished.

Ms Ogasawara said she was not worried. "During the bubble economy of the late 1980s there was a glut of everything in Japan — money and goods. But now that prices have fallen and people have gone bust I have been able to pick up stuff at a bargain."

"Some customers ask me to let them take some of the objects away with them. But that's not the idea. I don't want people to hoard things that should be enjoyed, even if that means smashing them."

The end of December is traditionally a time for *bonenkai* ("forget the year") parties, an opportunity for Japanese to unwind and put the frustrations of the previous 12 months behind them. Fully booked for the season, the stress-relief room is being restocked for the coming orgy of non-gratuitous violence.

"Everyone gets stressed out occasionally," Ms Oga-

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Inequalities rule out tax cuts

Time to help the dispossessed

WHO CAN possibly grasp all the details which will tumble out tomorrow. Budget Day now coincides with the public expenditure programme. There were logical reasons why the two were brought together so we know how much will be spent on health, education, social security — and how much tax we will pay. But it makes it much easier for a Chancellor to slash important social programmes — like he did last year — and escape the wrath that would have descended in earlier eras. All eyes — and thousands of column inches — will be concentrated tomorrow on the tax tables. Last Friday we set out the economic reasons why there should be no personal tax cuts tomorrow — a proposition which in a rare show of unity both sides of industry, the CBI and the TUC, support as well. But the social reasons for foregoing tax cuts are equally important.

Suppose, along with the mountain of other paperwork which will be released tomorrow, the Chancellor had to publish a family impact statement on the changes he has decided to introduce. Consider the grim background against which this statement would be drafted. On almost all indices — poverty, homelessness, inequality, education spending, sickness — children's quality of life has at best stood still, and on many seriously deteriorated in the last two decades. The number of homeless families has doubled; the number of children surviving on welfare has risen from seven per cent in 1979 to 26 per cent in 1994; the gap in infant mortality between rich and poor remains unacceptably wide.

Ten days ago, the latest poverty figures were released showing the gap between the poorest and richest 10 per cent had stopped widening for the first time in 20 years. But this follows a period in which income inequality has grown further and faster than in any comparable state during the last decade. The gap has widened to Victorian proportions. The poorest tenth are 13 per cent worse off in real terms than in 1979 compared to the richest tenth who are 66 per cent better off. Labour is still dithering over whether to increase income tax for people earning over £100,000. Ken Clarke certainly won't do it tomorrow. Yet one reason for the huge growth in inequality has been the huge tax cuts to the rich — giving every person on £100,000 a £15,000 annual tax rebate. Remember, the number of people living in poverty — below half average income — almost tripled since 1979 from five million to 14.1 million, before dipping by 400,000 in the latest figures. Some four million children live in these homes. One out of three children is now growing up in a home where there is no full-time worker.

Another reason for the increase in poverty is the cuts which have been made to social security. Last year the Chancellor hit the most vulnerable of all: lone parents, who even the hardline Peter Lilley had tried to defend but was finally forced to freeze both their £6.90 one parent benefit and the £5.20 premium paid to single parents on income support. Ministers intend to phase out both benefits. Standby for further moves tomorrow, even though one parent benefit conforms in every way to the Government's welfare-to-work strategy carrying over from unemployment into work. The Government's own research has shown the best way of getting lone parents into jobs is through incentives rather than penalties. It also shows lone parents are not long-term claimants, but in a transitory state. That was one reason why Peter Lilley tried to defend them.

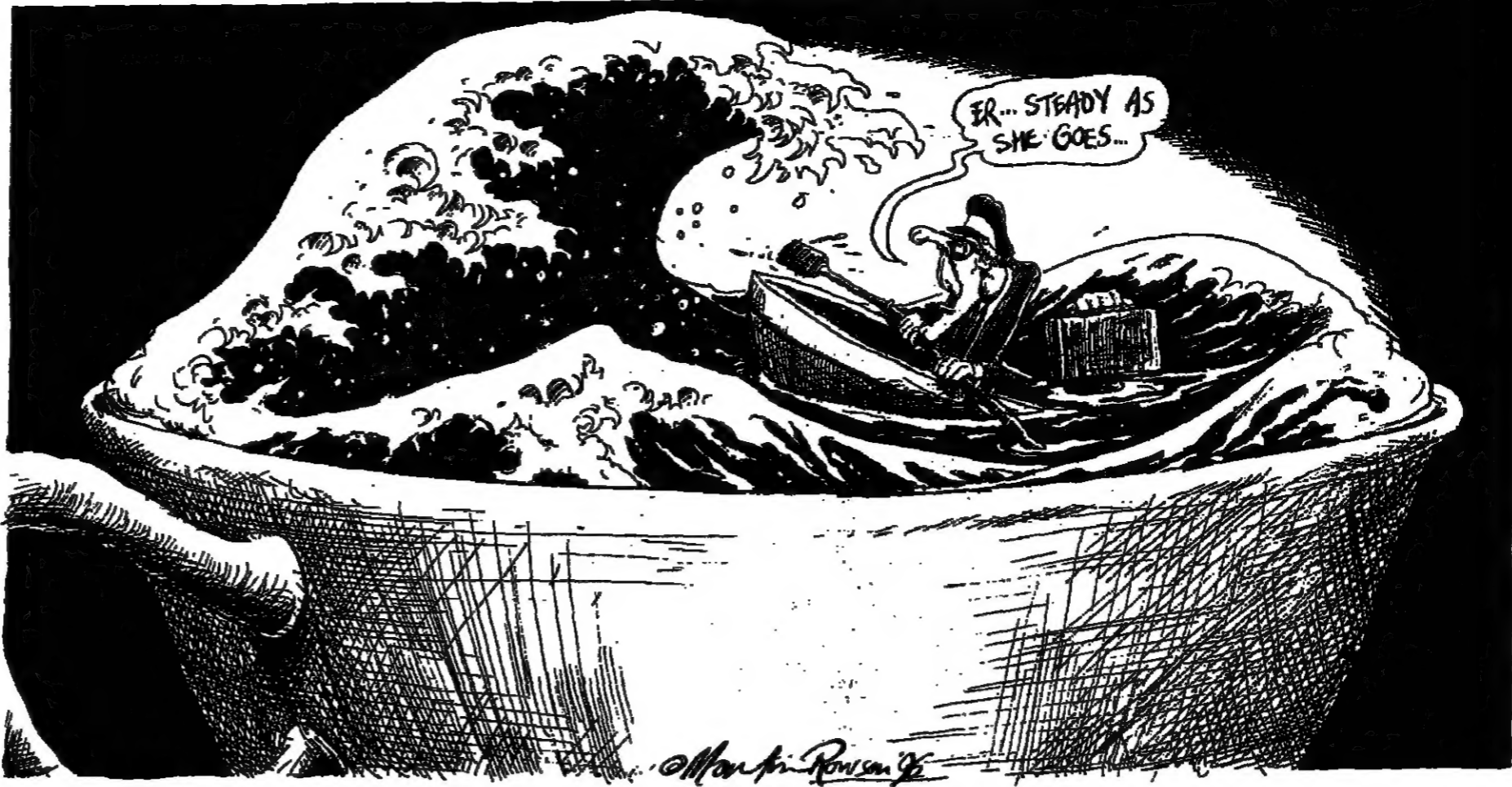
Labour has to do more than huff and puff over tomorrow's cuts. It is time, as Tony Atkinson argued in our Society columns earlier this month, for Labour to set itself targets for reducing inequality and be ready, once in government, to produce an annual poverty audit monitoring how much has been achieved. Even the Tories are supposed to be pursuing such a strategy. As signatories of the 1995 UN Copenhagen Declaration, the Government committed itself to setting targets to reduce inequality. But even though this is the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty, ministers refused to take part. Labour should signal its readiness to rectify this default.

Rigging the Court

Human rights must be universal

THE LORD Chancellor visits Britain's constitutional court today. No, not the Royal Courts of Justice on the Strand but the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg which, with over 40 judgments in UK cases, has extended British citizens' rights across the board. Its decisions have always involved fundamental rights — access to justice, free speech, free press, privacy — and frequently been far-reaching. A whole host of vulnerable minorities — prisoners, gypsies, immigrants, mental patients — have been given important new protections. But British ministers remain unhappy. A nation which has notoriously used administrative discretion to keep its citizens under control, has time and again been forced by the Court to open up its procedures and make them subject to the rule of law.

Now, as the European Court itself is due to be fundamentally changed from a two-tier part-time structure to a single-tier full-time court, ministers see a new opportunity of curbing its powers. Earlier this year the Foreign Office produced a document which called on European judges to show greater regard towards national laws and practices, more regard for "decisions by democratic legislatures and to differing legal traditions", and a curb on rulings which interfere with longstanding laws and practices. The Lord Chancellor is a distinguished lawyer but the political manoeuvrings of his cabinet colleagues should be made shrift by Strasbourg today. A more malleable Court would certainly be more convenient to British ministers but that would not help human rights in the UK — or other parts of Europe. Do ministers really want Strasbourg to turn a blind eye to torture in Turkey, judicial delays in Italy, or oppression in Eastern Europe. The widening of the Court — there are now 40 member states — does raise important questions about appointments to the judicial body. The old system under which each state submitted three names but the favourite son was always chosen will have to change. Some form of independent judicial appointments commission is needed, but the Court must resist giving universal rights a local flavour. There's a much simpler procedure Britain could adopt to get a British angle: incorporate the European Convention into UK law.



Letters to the Editor

Beware of the state snooper

TODAY the House of Commons debates a Bill that will allow the government, in this case the DSS, to trawl through the files on each of us held by other government departments to look for inconsistencies. Any one of us could have material in a government file which might not quite tally with something in another file. Every one of us would therefore be a legitimate target for government snoopers. Civil servants' access to databases on us is particularly worrying. A National Audit Commission Report in March 1995 found that computer hacking had risen by 140 per cent in Whitehall during the previous 12 months. Most involved staff obtaining information on the public for outsiders. In the absence of a Bill of Rights, regulation has come about almost entirely because of cases taken to the European Court, or by conventions such as the European Convention on Automatic Data Processing 1981. This decree that data collected for one purpose should not be used for another. John Wadhams, Director, Liberty, 21 Tabard Street, London SE1 4LA.

Enter a new Blood line

AS A longstanding member of the BMA, I was disturbed to see (Fight goes on for new life after death, November 23) that Dr Stuart Horner, chair of the BMA Ethics Committee, appears to have departed from established practice, in confining comments to the principles of BMA policy. Clearly the issue of informed consent is fundamental to good medical practice and doctors must uphold the law. Presumably the discretion that the HFEA legally has to allow export of sperm, where its use in the UK would be unlawful, was designed to allow for such an exceptional situation as that in which, tragically, Diane Blood finds herself. To suggest that the birth of a child in these circumstances would be "a tragedy" flies in the face of the available evidence (for example, how many fatherless children born after the first and second world wars would accept his view), and is offensive to many women deserted by their partners once pregnancy was confirmed. This is his personal opinion and not the collective view of the

100,000 doctors who belong to the BMA. He owes Mrs Blood an apology and I hope she will accept that his opinion is not one shared by the majority of doctors. (Dr) Wendy Savage, Past President, Medical Women's Federation, 19 Vincent Terrace, London N1 8HN.

THE same thing as saying yes. Amy Truesdell, 26 Eastwood Road, London E18 1BN. I THINK Martin Kettle is being very unfair to Mrs Blood. Firstly, it is only the obduracy of the opposition that has forced her into the public arena. Turning the unwelcome intrusion into an essentially private matter into a means of furthering her cause was the only intelligent course open to her and she has remained dignified and discreet throughout. To take exception to her desire to bear her husband's child is to display a rather selective squeamishness. Many recent medical developments and even some established ones could be described as "morbid" and "creaky". As to written consent, it may indeed be true that Mr Blood, being dead, cannot clearly his intentions. However, it could equally be said that Mr Blood, being dead, couldn't give a toss. Sierra Hutton-Wilson, Priory Cottage, Church View, Evercreech, Somerset BA4 6HX.

A heavy dose: doctors and new drugs under surveillance

YOUR letter from Prof Karwin and Dr Travis (November 22) makes depressing reading and I need to put the record straight. Firstly, they allege that the advice given by the Committee on Safety of Medicines (CSM) in October 1996 about the safety of certain brands of oral contraceptives led to 40,000 extra abortions. The figures just released by the Office of National Statistics indicate that there were 2,800 excess abortions in the first quarter of 1996 compared with the first quarter of 1995. The extent to which this excess can be laid at the door of the CSM is highly contentious. Secondly, Professor Karwin and Dr Travis appear to be under the mistaken belief that "in most instances new drugs have already undergone rigorous comparisons of usefulness and safety with older and less safe drugs during clinical trials of larger number of patients". I wish this were possible but the fact is that, on average, only 1,500 patients will have been exposed to a new product at the time of licensing. We can only undertake a provisional assessment

of the safety of a new drug at the time it is first marketed; continued surveillance of the safety of products after marketing is essential. Thirdly, your correspondents appear to believe that the Committee relies on the reporting of individual suspected adverse events" for monitoring the safety of marketed medicines. The reporting of suspected adverse reactions (the so-called yellow card scheme) does indeed make a valuable contribution to monitoring drug safety. It is not, however, the only method available. The issues related to oral contraceptives containing desogestrel and gestodene, for example, emerged as a result of epidemiological studies. Finally, I take exception to the implication that the CSM and the Medicines Control Agency (MCA) lack individuals with expertise in pharmacovigilance. A glance at the list of members of the former, and the credentials of the latter, explains my irritation. (Prof) Michael D Rawlins, Chairman, Committee on Safety of Medicines, 1 Nine Elms Lane, London SW8 5NQ.

Neutrality jettisoned in news war

THE crass remark by one Lucian Hudson of the BBC that Martin Bell "sounds to me like a celibate priest who at a certain stage in his life has decided to go and 'hook'", represents the ignorance and institutionalised contempt for the wisdom of experience which now pervades John Birt's News and Current Affairs Directorate at the BBC (Martin Bell slates "neutral reporting", November 23). It was interesting to see Bell's suggestion that journalists should not stand neutrally between good and evil so glibly attacked from within. Bell, myself and many other former BBC journalists can remember when the BBC party line was exactly the opposite. It was at the height of the IRA bombings and shootings in Northern Ireland. It continued at the time of the Falklands War, when Margaret Thatcher, the BBC by the throat and television journalists who referred to "The British" were denounced as traitors and subversives. We were then told that "there was no neutrality between good and evil".



Noise scales new heights

THE proliferation of music as noise pollution lamented by Jessica Duchon (So when is music not music? November 23) is really nothing new in this country. Technology has certainly increased the scale of the problem, but Chopin was making very similar complaints on his visit to London in 1848. Of the English aristocracy he wrote: "It is all the same to them whether the music they hear is good or bad, since they feel obliged to have it about them from morning till night. In this country they have flower shows with music, dinners with music... Music is not an art and is not called art..." Basil Hewitt, 21 Marlborough Road West, Manchester M20 3EQ. WHEN so many urban centres threaten to suffocate human life in a web of constant traffic, over-driven sound systems and alarmist car alarms, an evening free from rural litter seems in danger of becoming either quaint or absurd. David Thompson, 289-304 Alfred Street North, Nottingham NG5 1AA.

A Country Diary

THE LAKE DISTRICT: Overnight snow — the first of the winter — lightly dusted the tops of the Helvellyn range and dazzling sunlight flooded the dale. We took a score of photographs on and around Kelds, the delightful 1,000 feet high viewpoint overlooking Ullswater, but could have easily used several rolls of film, so striking and dramatic were the scenes. The short walk to the summit and return by way of Grisedale and Patterdale would make a bright winter's morning for elderly walkers, perhaps with sticks, but not yet ready to hang up their boots. But don't forget your cameras, for the sudden sight from just before the summit of Ullswater, framed between stately Scots pines and spread out below you, will halt you in your tracks. There is no finer viewpoint from so modest an altitude, in the district. The stone's throw from the top, in the col above the descent to Grisedale and almost hidden among trees, is the fabulous Lanty's Tarn. For 60-odd years I've admired this tarn since first spotting it across Grisedale, from the shoulder of Birks and have named a house after it. The other day the upside-down reflections of the trees in the black mirror of the tarn seemed even clearer than the reality and more film had to be exposed before we trotted down past the kennels of the Ullswater foxhounds. I'm not sure of the derivation of Kelds, an unusual name for these parts, but Lanty's Tarn is named after one Laurence Dobson whose home, marked on the map as "old castle", lay behind the cottages of Grass-White How. Many years ago the tiny natural tarn was dammed, not specifically for a water supply but to provide ice, all the year round, for the tables of Patterdale Hall, further down the dale. The ice, cut into blocks, was stored in a bowl with a steel lid within a building near the tarn, and then covered with several feet of sawdust so that the grand people at the Hall could always have ice for preserving their food, and no doubt, for their drinks. But life is much easier today. A HARRY GRIFFIN

Missing the Brussels bus will get us nowhere

Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

READ from time to time that John Redwood is a clever man. If he reports are true, he can only have felt tactical surprise when he discovered that, even outside the exchange rate mechanism, Britain will be required to inspect some of its disciplines. Tony Marlow and co may have been really astonished. They are stupid enough to believe that as long as we make a rude gesture in the direction of the Germans we will be able to choose between the one-dollar pound (one of Nigel Lawson's historical achievements) and an exchange rate which is so high that it blights our export prospects. But that is only because the anti-European ultra have never bothered to think about what is happening in Europe. The premise of their argument is that only what happens in Britain really matters. The idea that — thanks to the global market

and information technology as much as to the Treaty of Rome — Britain and Europe are now indivisible has never entered their thick heads. If the Prime Minister does screw up enough courage to hold a debate on the issue, one of them ought to come to the House and explain why the Germans and the French should allow us to enjoy the European Union *a la carte*. Redwood, the *soi-disant* spokesman for cerebral Little England, was a member of the Government which voted enthusiastically for the single European market. I, unlike most of the Labour Party, shared that enthusiasm. Does he really think that Chancellor Kohl and President Chirac are now going to say: "Please continue to sell your goods into our tariff-free Union and enjoy the benefits of harmonised commercial policies and trading regulations. And, if you want to manipulate your exchange rate — sometimes low to encourage exports and sometimes high to combat inflation — that is fine by us. If it gives you an unfair advantage over the rest of the union we really do not mind"? At first glance it seems that the paradox of the sceptics' position is the assumption that the Union which they abhor will benignly agree to Britain taking the rest of Europe for a ride. I suspect that their hope of insulation from the terrible fate of a single currency rests on the assumption which is preposterous and therefore typical. They think that Europe wants, and perhaps even needs, Britain so badly that it will do anything to retain our membership. And if we did persuade the other states to abandon the policy for which they have worked, does even the most sceptical anti-European really believe that we would not be dragged along behind

the power of stronger currencies? Which meeting does Mr Marlow imagine most influences British interest rates: the much-publicised formalities between the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the governor of the Bank of England, or the Frankfurt deliberations of the Bundesbank's governing council? What the Little Englanders cannot get inside their heads is how little England — and indeed the world — has become. Whatever the political constitution and the bureaucratic arrangements, Britain is going to be influenced by decisions taken on the continent of Europe. All that we have to decide is whether or not we influence the decisions which influence us. The announcement that we will make decisions of our own is a misunderstanding of the nature of national sovereignty. That is why I find it hard to believe that Kenneth Clarke has ever — as claimed in some of yesterday's newspapers — insisted that, excluded from the EMU, Britain's budgetary policy will be "free from outside influence". Perhaps it was before Marshall Aid, but for the last 50 years, the British Government has been increasingly obliged to accommodate pressures from overseas. Even when it possessed the theoretical right to take its own decision, it had in reality only one option. No doubt Tony Marlow regrets that we withdrew from Suez before recapturing the Canal. British courts would have confirmed our sovereign right to fight on. But America — firing dollars not bullets — forced a retreat. When, back in 1963, I became Shadow Chancellor, I was instructed by a resolution of the Labour Party conference to re-establish exchange control — the prohibition of capital exports. I have no idea whether or not I would have responded to their demands, even if I had ever become the real thing. For it was clear, after 10 minutes' discussion with the City, that exchange control had become literally impossible. Thanks to the communication revolution, the money would have been out of the country before I had finished making my House of Commons statement. Powers which nation states once possessed have passed out of their hands into the control of multi-national businesses. The only way for politicians, and therefore the people, to reclaim those powers is to organise on the same scale as the global commercial interests which have usurped democracy. The absurd aspect of the whole currency argument is that we all know that sooner or later Britain will want to join. But, on the evidence of past performance, we will wait until it is too late to influence its detailed aspects. Sensible politicians will warn against missing the bus. But the image needs to be extended. Having watched the ERM pull out of the Brussels coach station, we will begin to run after it. Eventually, having climbed breathlessly aboard, we will start to beg, bully and cajole the driver into taking a different route. His reply is already predictable: "If you had got on at the beginning, you could have helped to decide the direction, the destination and the speed".

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Moscow Diary

James Meek

ANYONE who has ever seen a wildlife documentary where a helicopter scatters a herd of wilde-beest in all directions...

The first reaction to the ubiquitousness of the wee brown beasts was disgust and surprise. Strangely, this lasted a short time. Perhaps it was the discovery that they were so easy to kill...

Accordingly, the next phase was a disgraceful one of near-acceptance, almost apathy. Why should I kill them? I asked myself. Are there really so many? Do they actually do any harm? Is it not too easy? The low point was discovering a roach in my coffee...

After a while, I realised that the roaches were taking advantage of my Neville Chamberlain-like conduct. The Russians have a word - naglost - which describes their behaviour precisely: a mixture of arrogance, cheekiness, freedom from fear of any risk...

This provoked the war phase in me to kill, instantly. One of my Russian teachers brought me a jar of syrupy yellow fluid which I dabbed over the skirting boards in the hope of poisoning the roaches...

Nonetheless, with the move to Russia, the tantalising prospect of chemical warfare seemed into the inevitable domain that it was possible to achieve final victory over the cockroaches...

Two and a half years have gone by since then. Traps have been laid. Sprays have been sprayed, the flat is kept clean and the exterminators have been and gone three times...



Facts are dear but opinions are cheap

Commentary Linda Grant

SCENE: 1994, the little-known central African country of Rwanda, a former Belgian colony. Half a million - perhaps even a million - Rwandans are butchered in the worst case of mass murder and genocide since Cambodia almost 20 years before...

Fast forward. Scene. The refugee camps on the borders of Zaire hold hundreds of thousands of Rwandan refugees. After the horror of the killings, the agony of the Rwandan people endures, languishing in homelessness...

It was very easy for television viewers to miss a crucial distinction between these two sets of powerful images. The Rwandans who died in the mess slaughter and those who were in the camps were not the same people...

Each generation throws up an example of the politically engaged journalist whose reporting has transformed the climate of opinion. For one age, it was James Cameron. For my own, it was John Pilger...

But there is a danger to the journalism of commitment, as there is a distinction between balance and objectivity. Balance (seldom achievable in the eyes of the protagonists, as demonstrated by both Serbs and Croats angrily crying bias about TV coverage during the first year of the war in former Yugoslavia) can lead to absurdities such as refusing to report atrocities until evidence can be found of atrocities committed by the other side.

Objectivity, however, requires a sceptical mind, the painstaking seeking out of information from a variety of sources and the determination to arrive not at the story which confirms one's own beliefs, but as close an approximation of the truth as possible. Then, and only then, can you condemn.

In 1989, as a self-appointed Pilger acolyte, I went to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City expecting to find a sturdy socialist country rebuilding itself despite the deprivations caused by the Trading with the Enemy Act...

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ing of consumerism, gathered in little video huts on the streets watching Rambo. Tell the truth about Vietnam, my journalistic whisperer told the world that we want democracy and consumer goods. The fans of Pilger were appalled at what I wrote. I was appalled. I was a traitor to his cause...

For certain periods, there are clearly demarcated lines between good and evil and it is criminal not to say so. But for most of the time what we call "news" describes issues of great complexity. Audiences are hungry for sharp distinctions as an aid to understanding and it is only a pity that most commentaries lack such clearly identifiable figures as, say, Saddam Hussein and Nelson Mandela...

Reports of the numbers of women raped in Bosnia were variously put at between 20,000 and 50,000. But some women were raped hundreds of times and some rapes were witnessed by hundreds of people. The true extent of the breakdown of traditional morality is therefore staggering...

Keep it in the family

What should the Chancellor do tomorrow? For a start, stop penalising married couples with dependent children, say Paul Ormerod and Bob Rowthorn

MODERN trends in family life are deeply worrying. The rates of serious concern because of the many-sided costs they impose both on the members of families and on society as a whole...

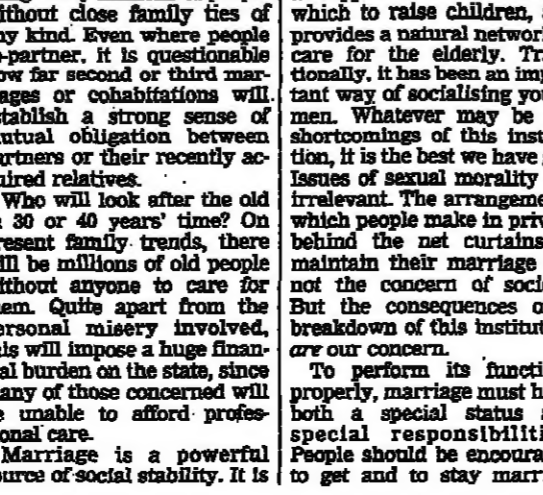
Over the past 30 years, marriage rates have fallen sharply. Married couples are having fewer children, whilst the number of divorces and of children born out of wedlock has increased dramatically...

Almost 70 per cent of dependent children still live in the traditional family with their married, natural parents, but this share is shrinking rapidly. Nearly 20 per cent now live in a lone-parent household, 9 per cent in step-families, and 3 per cent with their unmarried, natural parents...

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to "moral panic" and urge us to "celebrate the family in all its diversity". Such an ostrich-like response fails to match either the scale of the problem or its long-term consequences. Despite a vigorous rearguard action by the non-judgmental brigade, the evidence is now widely accepted that on average children brought up in a stable, two-parent family do better than in other family types. This is true for almost every indicator used to measure their personal development. It is well-known that family break-up often damages children, even when it makes one or both of their parents happier...

Even more serious, and hardly appreciated at all, are the implications of modern family trends for the elderly, partly because the full effects will not be evident until well into the next century. Stable families create a network of reciprocal obligation between generations, siblings and partners. This helps to ensure the provision of help in times of need and is the primary source of care in old age. According to the General Household Survey, 93 per cent of informal care for the old is provided by family members, especially spouses and children. Friends and neighbours hardly figure. We are sitting on a time-bomb. The growth of lone-parent families, divorce and family reorganisation is creating many millions of people without close family ties of any kind. Even where people re-partner, it is questionable how far second or third marriages or cohabitations will establish a strong sense of mutual obligation between partners or their recently acquired relatives. Who will look after the old in 30 or 40 years' time? On present family trends, there will be millions of old people without anyone to care for them. Quite apart from the personal misery involved, this will impose a huge financial burden on the state, since many of those concerned will be unable to afford professional care. Marriage is a powerful source of social stability. It is a supportive framework in which to raise children, and provides a natural network of care for the elderly. Traditionally, it has been an important way of socialising young men. Whatever may be the shortcomings of this institution, it is the best we have got. Issues of sexual morality are irrelevant. The arrangements which people make in private behind the net curtains are not the concern of society. But the consequences of a breakdown of this institution are our concern. To perform its functions properly, marriage must have both a special status and special responsibilities. People should be encouraged to get and to stay married. Unfortunately, many of the fiscal and legal changes we have adopted in Britain are serving to undermine this institution. Married couples, especially those with children, have lost heavily through tax and benefit changes over the past 15 years. No matter how rich they are, lone parents receive a special benefit which is not available to married couples. A married couple with two children in receipt of Family Credit is £4 to £8 a week worse off than a single person with the same number of children earning the same wage. Lone parents receive preferential treatment in many other ways. For example, British Academy student-ships provide an allowance



You wait until your mother gets home

Ros Coward

EVEN if we don't go along with current hysteria about uncontrollable children, it's hard to ignore the emerging consensus from child-care professionals. There are more disruptive and distressed children than ever and their struggles with authority figures are starting younger...

Moralists say the failure to control children results from the breakdown of traditional authority, rooted in the church, the unchallengeable teacher and the strong parent. Their solutions are authoritarian and punitive; they will use electronic tagging to keep some children in school, while brutally excluding others. Lines are to be drawn between the decent and the wicked. The model of authority is the old-fashioned, obedient family, where disobedience was severely punished. Their nostalgia for authority is predictable, but it is surprising to find lack of parental authority as a concern among professionals who work with disruptive children; yet it is a key in programmes which have been highly successful in transforming children's behaviour by treating them as vulnerable rather than vicious...

Such work can be witnessed in Roger Graef's film Breaking the Cycle tomorrow on ITV. The film tracks a group of pre-school children whose disruptive and aggressive behaviour seems like the beginning of a classic conflict with school. They cannot concentrate, see themselves as bad and can't be controlled. In the Marlborough House day unit the children are made to complete tasks and activities; bad behaviour is ignored; gentle restraint is often used; and the children are always praised. By the end of 10 weeks, they are co-operating with teachers and each other. The theory is that disruptive children are frightened because they feel out of control and no one will control them. So they test the limits constantly. The unit treats them with consistency and firmness and builds their self-esteem; their parents are encouraged to reassume control gently and stop their previous negative, critical handling of the children. The parents are not chaotic nor dysfunctional. Many people will recognise a familiar spiral - reasonable requests are met with def-

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courts will take this job seriously. In commercial life, partners embarking on a business venture make commitments to each other which are enforceable at law. If the other parties do not honour their side of the contract they can sue, either to enforce performance or for damages. This provides potential partners with the security they require to invest wealth and energies in a joint venture with others. A market economy could not operate without this framework of justice. It is essential for social stability that similar effective redress be restored to partners in the contract of marriage and that divorce, in general, be made harder. Marriage performs an invaluable social function, which the current obsession with morality serves to obscure rather than clarify. More difficult than restoration of the concept of justice in the marriage contract, and shifts in the tax and benefit structure towards married couples - in all these cases actions, not words, are needed. Paul Ormerod is the chair of Post-Orthodox Economics and author of The Death of Economics. Bob Rowthorn is Professor of Economics at Cambridge University, and a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge.

Commentary



Ros Coward

THE upsets parents respond inconsistently, the child tests the limits further. The parents descend into negative criticism, even violence. This disintegration of parental authority is the result of the current profound change and uncertainty about the roles of men and women in the family. The old authoritarianism of the father has died and so have the structures which mirrored it, the patriarchal church and authoritarian school. Most people, whatever their political views, are not sorry to see it go. The power of the patriarch was unearched. It abused human rights, was violent and dictatorial, and terrifying for those in its power. If the pay-off was controllable children, the price was the gross subordination of women. The power vacuum in the family has left women in uncomfortable positions. With women demanding more status and both sexes reluctant to allow men their old authority, there is uncertainty around familiar authority. Frequently women, already stretched by parenting and work, find themselves also on the front line of family's moral and disciplinary struggles. Without the authoritarian father, and the control of patriarchal institutions, families now have to make the rules up as they go. This is no collapse of a moral order but the difficult birth of a new morality that tries to teach morality without fear. BUT evolving a liberal among professionals who work with disruptive children; yet it is a key in programmes which have been highly successful in transforming children's behaviour by treating them as vulnerable rather than vicious. Such work can be witnessed in Roger Graef's film Breaking the Cycle tomorrow on ITV. The film tracks a group of pre-school children whose disruptive and aggressive behaviour seems like the beginning of a classic conflict with school. They cannot concentrate, see themselves as bad and can't be controlled. In the Marlborough House day unit the children are made to complete tasks and activities; bad behaviour is ignored; gentle restraint is often used; and the children are always praised. By the end of 10 weeks, they are co-operating with teachers and each other. The theory is that disruptive children are frightened because they feel out of control and no one will control them. So they test the limits constantly. The unit treats them with consistency and firmness and builds their self-esteem; their parents are encouraged to reassume control gently and stop their previous negative, critical handling of the children. The parents are not chaotic nor dysfunctional. Many people will recognise a familiar spiral - reasonable requests are met with def-

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Terence Donovan

# The magic of seeing images

**T**ERENCE DONOVAN who has committed suicide at the age of 60 was incapable of being ordinary. He didn't look ordinary, he never said anything ordinary, his photographs were never ordinary. His commercials were never ordinary, his humour was never ordinary. Even when he presented "ordinary" in the way he always dressed in the same grey flannel suit, white shirt, black tie, black shoes and socks, his sartorial philosophy was far from ordinary. Thirty-five years ago he decided that he didn't want the hassle of deciding what to wear each morning, so he bulk-ordered identical suits, shirts, shoes — and never dressed.

Donovan was a big man with an uncompromising approach to life and work. In the 1960s, David Bailey and Donovan revolutionised fashion photography in this country and reinvented the photographer-model relationship. Their work projected the raw, classless glamour epitomised by Julie Christie, Celia Hammond and Jean Shrimpton. They bought Rolls-Royces, lived with their models and never lost their obsession for the craft of photography. One of the few photographers to develop all his own work, Donovan retained his sense of

department of a Fleet Street blockmaker, he discovered his gift. It made him famous, but he always stressed that it was photography that interested him, not being a photographer. Donovan's father died of lung cancer before his only son's career took off, and Terence scrupulously refused to work on any tobacco endorsing campaigns or allow cigarette smoke into his studio.

A judo black belt, Donovan loved the anonymity of the karate mat. "Nobody gives a stuff how much wedge you've got on the mat," he said, slightly sending up his own tendency to talk in telephone numbers of the large amounts of money he never really got used to earning. Donovan's long relationship with karate was at the root of his philosophy of life and infused a Zen

quality into his photographs, paintings, the spaces he created and into his generosity of spirit. He cultivated a hard, man-of-steel exterior, erecting a karate wall around himself as protection for a deeply sensitive soul. His humour was never one-way. When a friend had a problem he was the first to quietly go about his business.

Donovan leaves three children, Daniel from his first marriage, named after his father, and Terence and Daisy from his happy 26-year marriage to Diana St Felix Dare. An unconventional family man, who refused to go shopping or on long holidays, he was immensely proud of his children and his wife's accomplishments. Donovan never missed an opportunity to marvel at Diana's ability to impress, interest and surprise him. One of his most endearing qualities was his ability to approach the same subject from different angles.

Thirty years passed between the only two times I saw him in the country. In 1965 he got out of his Rolls, turned on a portable record player, cut a large slice of Fortnum & Mason chicken and ham pie, looked at the bucolic vista and said: "What do I do with it? I don't want to take a picture of it, and I don't want to walk in it." Three de-

cadres later he arrived early in the morning at a remote part of Suffolk for my husband's Frank Cvetanovich's funeral. He took thoughtful photographs, as though discovering a foreign country. As he stared at the flowers on the grave I heard him say, "Ripple dissolve to black".

Valerie Wade

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Donovan began making commercials and in 1972 produced and directed the feature film *Yellow Dog*. He directed plays for CBS, documentaries for WIT and music videos including Robert Palmer's *Addicted To Love*. In the late 1980s, he discovered a passion for painting. His large abstract canvases had the strong Zen-like quality of Japanese calligraphy, and were exhibited at the Albemarle Gallery in 1990.

The son of an East End lorry driver, Donovan left school at 15 to study lithography. After working in the photographic

man, snapping sharp little dolly birds, creating solstice commercials and capturing the fashion mood of the moment were fine. Donovan loved the manner in which he earned his living. But there was so much more that required expression. Few of his colleagues realised this.

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about Terence Donovan which meant that everyone who worked with or for him recalled the experience with fondness. The "gentle giant" is indeed a cliché, but in Donovan's case, it is so apt as to be unavoidable. For most of his life, he was gloriously overweight and happy to be so politically incorrect in a world where slenderness is all. It was an act of defiance in the face of the fashion world's artificial attitudes and, as such, endeared him even to those who go for three days on a Western diet and a radish rather than an inch.

When, in later life he became a Buddhist, when he became an expert on Judo, when he spent whatever time he could find exploring the visual areas which could not be revealed through photography, using paint as his medium, it was not because it was fashionable. It was because it chimed with an intrinsic personal need which his fame and hard work were unable to still.

And this is the clue to the

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Sixties giants... Bailey, Duffy and Donovan on the other side of the lens ARNOLD NEWMAN

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## Sorley Maclean

# Poet of the Gaelic world

**S**OMHARLE macChaluim, "le Caitim 'ic Iain 'ic Thairnald 'ic Iain 'ic Thairnald" — he said that was as far back as he could go on Rannay could go with certainty. Somhairle was only Scottish Gaelic poet of our day to take the old language and use it in new ways to address contemporary life and international issues. But he denied edges would dream of denying the Somhairle macChaluim, known in English as Sorley Maclean, who has died aged 84 was the outstanding figure in 20th-century Gaelic writing.

Maclean's themes are universal interest — the cruelty of history, the agonies of unhappy love, the horrors of war and pride in one's own people. The intensity of his handling of them comes from his own sense of rootedness in Gaelic — a language now reduced to under 80,000 speakers in Scotland, and declining also in Canada, but original to areas which have sent men and women all over the world and have never been out of touch with the currents of history.

Seamus Heaney has recalled how when he first read Maclean's work in English, "it was like opening the door on a morning of sun-filled brightness; there was a feeling of unspecified freedom and intensity". There was when he heard Maclean read in Gaelic in Dublin, and experienced "the true climate of his linguistic world." A memory of his impact which I treasure is of a performance he gave during the 1986 Com-

monwealth Writers Conference in Edinburgh, heading a starry bill of Scottish and Caribbean virtuosos. An English BBC man there told me afterwards about the impact of hearing Maclean's early death saddened his last years. But none of the many degrees which were loaded on him can have given him as much pleasure as the admiration of young writers, whether they used English, Scots or Gaelic, who saw him as an embodiment of greatness in Scottish literature. That Gaelic remains central in the perception of Scottish culture shared by youthful generations is due to his poetry rather than anything else. He wrote of the Desert Wars: "...though I do not hate Rommel's army... I am of the big men of Brax of the heroic Raasay MacLeods, of the sharp-sword Mathsons of Lochalsh; and the men of my name — who were brave when their ruinous pride was kindled? His generosity there, putting himself in perspective, evokes life in history with a grandeur that only Yeats in recent times has matched.

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## Bernard Rose

# Harmonic innovation

**B**ERNARD ROSE, who has died aged 80, was a choirman, tutor, academic, and composer of immense distinction. When he arrived as organist from the Queen's College, Oxford, at Magdalen College in 1957, he inherited a chair that had never recovered from the difficulties of the war years. Most of the men were lay clerks who had spent many years singing in cathedral and collegiate choirs and felt that they maintained the tradition and that the organist had to be schooled in their ways. They had not reckoned with Bernard Rose. Within a year, at considerable cost to the college in compensation, the lay clerks had been swept away to be replaced by a full team of academic clerks. Thereafter the choir progressed in a remarkably and as organ scholar at the time, I can testify to the transformation that took place under Dr Rose's direction. We all knew we were involved in something very special yet even in later years Bernard never received the credit for transforming Magdalen into one of the outstandingly high standards that he maintained until his retirement.

He was down to earth. Long before photographers and commentators he would painstakingly alter copies when his keen sense of scholarship compelled him to change out-of-date editions. He rejoiced in his predecessors at Magdalen, particularly Sheppard, Rogers, William Hayes, Galsworthy, Parfitt and Varley. Rogers and Varley Roberts loved quoting some of the more earthy stories about them.

He had a keen sense of humour and his language was, at times, colourful. As undergraduate, he was unwise to argue with him but behind his bluff and seemingly hard exterior there was a wonderful warmth of friendship which was expressed most richly in letter form. He never forgot his friends and would do anything he could for them. He was a strict disciplinarian with the choir, but this was necessary if standards were to be raised. If he had to be away from college, there would always be the detailed note of what was to be practised the next day.

Alongside his direction of the choir, he took his work as tutor in the college as seriously as his lecturing in the music faculty. Many prominent musicians, composers

and academics owe much to his teaching. Added to these dual roles was his work as a scholar, particularly his editions of the works of Thomas Tomkins. He identified with this composer and relished the choir's singing of verse anthems that he had edited. Not surprisingly, the choir's first major recording under his direction was of Tomkins's works. Over the years he edited four volumes of *Early English Church Music and Handel's Susanna* (1967). His own compositions, which included a number of settings of the canticles, were well crafted. Rose's responses, composed in 1959, were the first set of "modern" responses and set the style for many subsequent composers. They are known and sung the world over and to the wider church it is for these that he will be remembered.

Bernard Rose was a chorister at Salisbury Cathedral and after further private education he went on to study at the Royal College of Music. From 1952-58 Bernard was Organ Scholar of St Catherine's College, Cambridge, and at the outbreak of the war was appointed organist at the Queen's College, Oxford where he returned after war service during which he served in North Africa, Italy and France. He was a POW from 1944-45. Besides his college duties, he was conductor of the Eglesfield Musical Society and conductor of the Oxford Orchestral Society. He was choragus in the University of Oxford from 1959-63 and a most effective vice-president of Magdalen from 1976-75, during which time he arranged

for the college silver to be cleaned, catalogued and displayed. In the wider sphere of the council of the Royal College of Organists and its president from 1974-76. He also delighted in his appointment as vice-president of the City of Oxford Silver Band, in recognition of his services to music, he was appointed OBE in 1980. Last May, in honour of his 80th birthday, academic clerks and organ scholars met at Magdalen to express their gratitude for his achievements and his friendship. During the ceremony the newly-struck Rose medallion was presented to the senior chorister as a companion to the Stainer Cross worn by the head chorister. For Bernard Rose, this was the grand finale.

During his last few years, Bernard's health declined and he was cared for at home by Molly, his wife of 57 years. Molly's hospitality first at Hampton then Appleton and finally at Hampton again is something for which many undergraduates, colleagues, friends and relatives will be remembered. They both gave so much to so many people.

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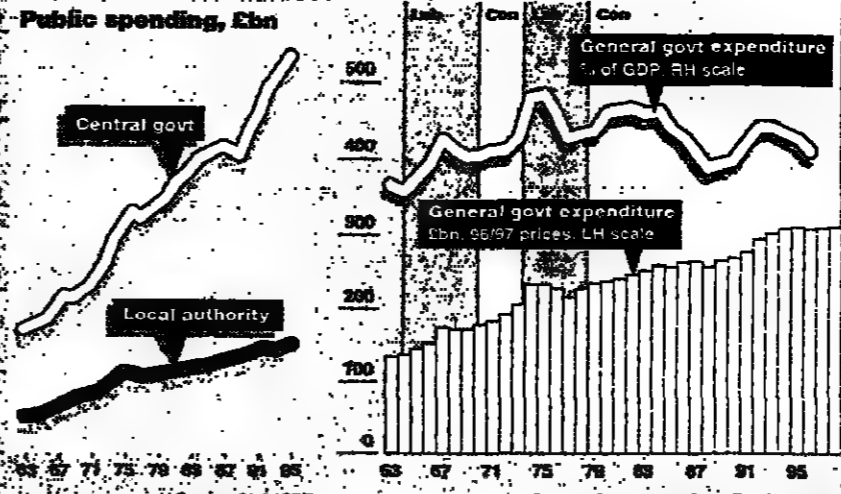
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### Where the money went



## ELECTION BATTLEGROUND/Budget and EMU will impose unnecessary austerity

# This penny-pinching attitude amounts to irresponsibility



Larry Elliott

Nor has the original Thatcherite aim of rolling back the state come close to being realised, except perhaps in the wild excesses of Lady Thatcher's imagination. In the last full year of the Callaghan administration, the state accounted for 24 of every £10 spent in the UK. Today it still spends 24 of every £10.

The Government would say that, compared with other countries, this is a good record. To hold state spending steady in Britain when it has been going up across the rest of Europe is seen as proof that privatisation and the attempt to bring some of the traits of the private sector to bear on health and education have been worthwhile.

But again this claim warrants careful examination. Whereas 20 per cent of public expenditure went on social services in the mid-1970s, some 20 years of low-employment and rising levels of poverty have raised that to 34 per cent.

And, for all the penny-pinching the Government is still unable to balance its books. For an economy in the fifth year of recovery, the public sector borrowing requirement is far too high, and the legacy of the fiscal incontinence of the 1980s is that debt interest payments are going through the roof.

The sensible move at this point would be to raise taxes

aggressively. Consumer spending is already growing steadily and, with the prospect of building society windfalls to come, is in no need of any further stimulation. Keeping fiscal policy tight would take the pressure off monetary policy and allow the Chancellor to continue with the successful post-Black Wednesday macro-economic stance.

This brings us to the Government's second problem: politics. Such is the cynicism of the electorate that the build-up to tomorrow's Budget has been one of the most low-key on record.

Put simply, the Government is juggling with two big numbers. The first is the likely £26 billion budget deficit this year; the second is Labour's 20-point poll lead.

Tax cuts are seen as politically vital but can be afforded only if the public can be convinced that a different set of criteria should be used to judge fiscal probity in the fifth year of a parliament to those in the first.

Labour is irritated by the incoherence with which Mr Clarke has given the impression, this autumn, that he is prepared to commit political hara-kiri rather than accede to the demands of his clamorous backbenchers.

It suspects that any tax cuts will be predicated on wholly implausible numbers for public

and-burn approach to public spending. But his views sit oddly with a philosophy which, for the past 17 years, has amounted to public sector bad, private sector good.

As a result, despite all its years in power, the Government has no strategic view of why we have public spending or what it is trying to do with it, other than reduce it at every opportunity.

A reassessment and a long-term strategy, preferably developed outside the Treasury, is long overdue. We may discover that solving the problems of unemployment, crime, the breakdown of the family, poverty and Britain's educational deficit with the rest of the world requires higher levels of spending (and taxation), not less.

This is by no means a new philosophy. The Romans cherished the "res publica", believing that it was a sign of a civilised society to look beyond the home and into the wider community. The rich did not have running water, the public baths did.

For the first half of the 20th century the tide flowed in the same direction here.

As Andrew Dilnot, of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, said at an Institute for Public Policy Research conference last week, Churchill and Lloyd George did not sit around in 1900 wondering whether old age pensions would hinder the productive capacity of the Edwardian economy; they simply felt that it was intolerable that old people should end their days in destitution.

This is where Labour came in. At its core, the party has never really lost its belief in active government. Now it feels the time is ripe for the reconsecration of the public realm by a smart state. It may be right.



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## How to give Europe a New Deal

Stuart Holland

PLANS for a single currency could break rather than make Europe. The European Monetary Institute foreman of a European Central Bank — has just pronounced that only three member states are set to meet the conditions. But if all 15 do so the implications are worse.

The spending cuts to meet the 3 per cent budget deficit and 60 per cent debt rules could lose Europe another 12 million jobs. We would be back to the 1930s with a vengeance.

Almost none of this is necessary. National parliaments have handed the Maastricht treaty to enable the European Union — rather than member states — to borrow and invest on its own account. The instrument is the European Investment Fund, in Luxembourg.

The means are union bonds — the European equivalent of the US treasury bonds through which the American government in the 1930s financed New Deal pro-

grammes, and began the recovery of full employment.

Union bonds issued by the Fund should not count against the national debt of member states, provided the on-lending is not to government but to the private sector.

Because as yet it has no borrowings, the debt base of the European Union is zero. The US should be so lucky as Europe could be now.

Europe is imposing self-inflicted austerity to achieve monetary union. By issuing its own bonds, it could instead offset cuts in national spending, reduce unemployment and make it possible for most member states to join a single currency by 1999. This in turn would make enlargement feasible on a rapid enough schedule to avoid the power vacuum in central and eastern Europe of which President Havel recently warned.

This wider context is why the Fund and union bonds were designed. They featured as key means to achieve the 15 million jobs target in the 1993 Delors white paper. The

trans-Europe transport, energy and communications networks in the white paper are strikingly similar to the New Deal programmes. So far they lack public co-finance. Through bond issues, the Fund could provide it, as well as expand its credit guarantee and venture capital provisions for small and medium firms. It also could finance a host of labour-intensive urban regeneration projects.

The statutes of the Fund allow it to borrow and invest 60 billion ecus (£46 billion), equivalent to three-quarters of the commission's total annual budget for the agricultural, regional, social and other funds. DG II — the finance and economy directorate of the European Commission — recommended investing as much over two years in its Scenarios 2000 strategy paper of 1993, and said it would not be inflationary. Had this been done, more member states could have met the single-currency criteria this year with growth several multiples of the investment.

More could be done in

future by raising the Fund's borrowing limit. The effect on interest rates should be broadly neutral because upwards pressure from the new bonds would be offset by lower national rates as governments cut their borrowing to meet the Maastricht criteria.

The Fund exists. The machinery is in place. But the European Council needs to authorise issue of the bonds. This was on the agenda of the Florence meeting in June and opposed only by Germany and the UK. The UK position could change next year. Germany's situation has already changed. It is no longer on trend to meet even the budget deficit benchmark for the euro.

Chancellor Kohl showed political vision when he overrode his finance minister and the Bundesbank on parity for the Ostmark and Deutschmark. In so doing he united Germany. Will he now agree to issue the bonds and unite Europe?

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## Your guide to interpreting our Ken's farewell Budget giveaway

Worm's eye

Dan Atkinson

TOMORROW, in his final, farewell, retirement appearance, the Chancellor presents Budget '96! Use this absolutely last-edition Clarke-speak guide, for old time's sake...

Last year, I committed myself to stable and sustainable growth. But that was before house prices started moving up again.

In no way, I declared, would we be tempted into staging another phony boom. Luckily, it's staged itself!

Now, the fruits of stability are evident. Soaring wages

and house prices, a wildly-overvalued exchange rate.

Had I predicted such prosperity even last year, I should have been accused of chronic over-optimism. Except by Ed-die George, who rumbled me a long time ago.

But, at last, the British people can enjoy the rewards of five years' hard slog. By the unemployed.

Let no one be in any doubt that the recession was painful. We need no lessons from the honourable gentlemen opposite on the very real pain of unemployment. We're about to discover it for ourselves!

A new, prosperous, middle-England is coming into being. Goldman Sachs partners, Life dealers, corporate financiers.

Its members the hard-work-

ing, ordinary people often overlooked: Utility fat-cats, ex-ministers in industry, management consultants.

Labour's so-called windfall tax on utilities would be an iniquitous confiscation of money. And its return to the people we stole it from.

For that reason alone, it ought to be resisted: By bought-and-paid-for backbenchers.

I turn to Europe. There's a surprise!

My colleagues have an open mind on the single currency. But I don't.

Whatever the merits, Britain will qualify for membership shoulder to shoulder with some of Europe's leading economies: Greece, Portugal, Ireland, Cyprus.

But now I restrict myself to

more technical matters: Another huge tax distortion on the way.

I have received representations from industry. And another vast subsidy to assorted CBI members.

And am persuaded of the case for assistance: Here comes a colossal tax-break for business at just the wrong point in the cycle.

Brewers and tobacco companies are unfatuous on the subject. But that's too bad.

Health considerations, however, rule out substantial alterations to the tax regime. Told you!

We are committed to prudence, responsibility and stability. After the election.

With that in mind, I turn finally to income tax: It's rock and roll!





One in a million... Frankie Dettori responds to the applause from the huge Tokyo crowd after his victory yesterday

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# Dettori lands Japan Cup on Singspiel

### Michael Stoute's colt noses in front for £1 million victory. Graham Rock reports

**S**INGSPIEL won the £1 million Japan Cup in Tokyo yesterday for Frankie Dettori and Michael Stoute, scrambling home by a nose from the locally-trained Fabulous La Fouine with Helissio and Strategic Choice, dead-heating for third prize, a length and a quarter away.

The winner, who paid 6.6-1 on the Japanese tote, was only the second victory for England in the 19-year history of the race, following Jupiter Island's success for Clive Brittain a decade ago.

"It has been one of the best days of my life," said Dettori. "The Japan Cup is one of the

richest races in the world, very famous, very prestigious."

Throughout the final quarter mile Singspiel and Fabulous La Fouine were locked together and the winner's greater experience served him well against his younger rival.

On arrival in Tokyo, Singspiel had been running a tentative, which subsided after 18 hours, and Stoute was satisfied with the condition of his horse when he went to post.

Helissio had every chance after turning for home on the heels of the leaders. "I thought I would win," said

Oliver Pepler, "but when I pushed the button he didn't have overdrive."

Elie Lellouche, the colt's trainer, thought that the Arc hero, who flew hard afterwards, might have been short of a serious gallop.

"We're not looking for excuses, but he doesn't do much on his own, and it might have been better if we could have worked him with another horse early in the week," said Lellouche.

Strategic Choice, wearing blinkers for the first time, ran right up to his best but Pepler was slightly disappointed in finishing eighth, about three and a half lengths behind the winner. "As in the Arc, he didn't really pick up," Michael Hills reported.

Helissio returns to France and is expected to stay in training, but Stoute could not confirm that Singspiel will be in action next season.

In the Japan Cup twelve months ago Stoute's high-class filly Pure Grain suffered a fracture, although she was saved for a career at stud.

"What a difference a year makes," said the Newmarket trainer. "This horse has been in six photo finishes and been beaten in five of them. Today was his day. I thought if Helissio was to be beaten it might be in the Japan Cup, at the end of a long season."

Singspiel has improved dramatically in recent months. He was second behind Swain at Epsom and Posidonas at Newmarket, but in the autumn won the Canadian International and finished runner-up to Pilsand in the Breeders' Cup Turf.

He is admirably resilient and, according to his trainer, "is such a well-balanced horse that you could take him anywhere in the world."

Another tough horse, Strong Promise, followed his gruelling second in the Morny's Gold Cup a week ago by winning the First National Bank Gold Cup comfortably from Major Bell at Ascot on Saturday.

The young horse's jumping was exemplary and although his owner-trainer, Geoff Hubbard, admitted that the winner had probably earned a rest, he might let Strong Promise take his chance in the King George VI Chase if the ground remains good or firm.

Hubbard is confident that Strong Promise will stay three miles, and he is considering a crack at the Cheltenham Gold Cup next March.

# Heartbreak for Way as Eis breaks bank

**T**HE former Ryder Cup golfer Paul Way was left pondering his future at the age of 33 yesterday after falling by 11 shots to reach the last two rounds of the European Tour Qualifying School in Spain, writes Michael Britten.

The Englishman effectively threw away his Tour card with opening rounds of 81, 81 and finished with the 7th consisting of an 18-over-par 306 total — four putts at the 7th consisting of the former PGA champion to 152nd place among the 183 starters. "I don't really know what I want to do now," he said.

The Londoner Brian Davis, who made the four-round cut, under 281 to lead the 78 hopefuls who made the four-round cut, by one stroke from the Australian John Wade.

The home team, Ernie Els and Wayne Westner, earned £250,000 for winning the World Cup by a record 18 strokes in Somerset, West, South Africa. Els closed with a 67 to finish 16 under par and win the £50,000 prize as leading individual.

# Goode but not good enough

**E**NGLAND's badminton manager Steve Baddeley yesterday saw yet another of his players fail to deliver him an open title after four months in charge, writes Richard Jago.

Joanne Goode reached two finals in Glasgow, both of which went the full distance, but the Scottish Open gave the message as other recent tournaments that English talent can only benefit when the great Park Jo-Jong arrives to bolster the coaching set-up in January.

Goode and a sickening Gillian Gowers defended well before losing 15-3, 15-3 to the steady Chinese pair of Qian Hong and Liu Li. Goode and Nick Potting then lost in the mixed doubles, beaten 15-12, 11-15, 15-8 by the Swedes Jens Olsson and Astrid Crabo, despite hauling back from 3-8 to snatch the second game.

# Hill's Cobras lose their shirts

**S**IR JOHN HILL may have brought big-time ice hockey to Newcastle but his team could not muster one sweater against the Devils at the weekend, writes Vic Beckett.

With the forgetful Cobras' match in Cardiff getting live TV coverage, a frantic call went out to travelling supporters for replica shirts. Bearing numbers hand-written in marker ink, Newcastle beat the league leaders 5-3 and cut the gap to three points with goals by Duberman, MacLeod, Weaver, Hanschick and Takala. Mathuk (2) and McCarthy scored for Cardiff.

# Hill unifies light-heavy titles

**V**IRGIL HILL took a split points decision of Germany's Henry Masko to unify the IBF and WBA light-heavyweight titles in Munich on Saturday. The American is the first to hold two titles simultaneously at the weight since Michael Spinks 13 years ago.

# Good weekend for Whitakers

**M**ICHAEL WHITAKER narrowly failed to match his brother John's showjumping World Cup qualifier win on Saturday as he took third place in the Berlin Show's Grand Prix yesterday.

Riding Magic Carpet, he had the slowest of three clears in a seven-horse jump-off in which Austria's Hugo Steiner won on Arfion D. John Whitaker missed the jump-off with a single error on Waldham, whom he had partnered the previous day in Britain's first win in the qualifier series.

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# Sound performance by Man

**S**OUND MAN hooked his Sicket for the Tingle Creek Trophy Chase at Sandown next month when landing the odds under Richard Dunwoody in the Tipperary Chase at Clonmel yesterday.

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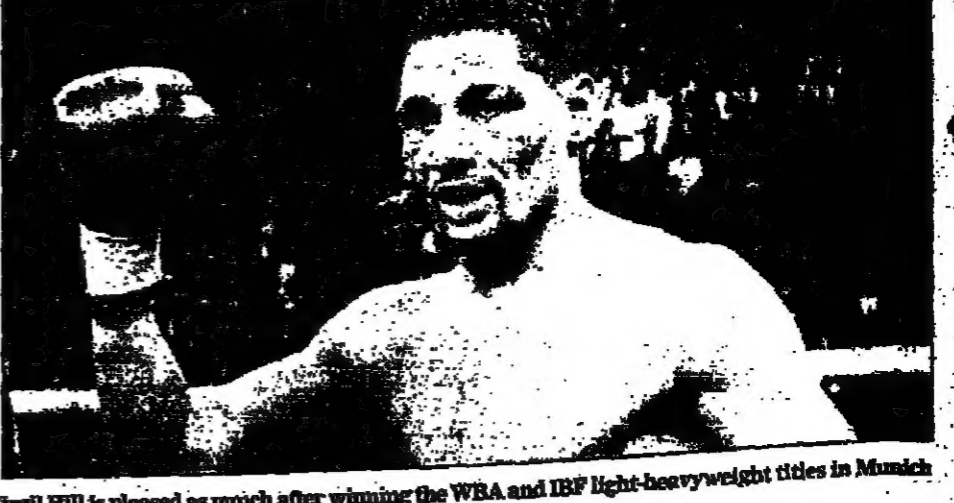
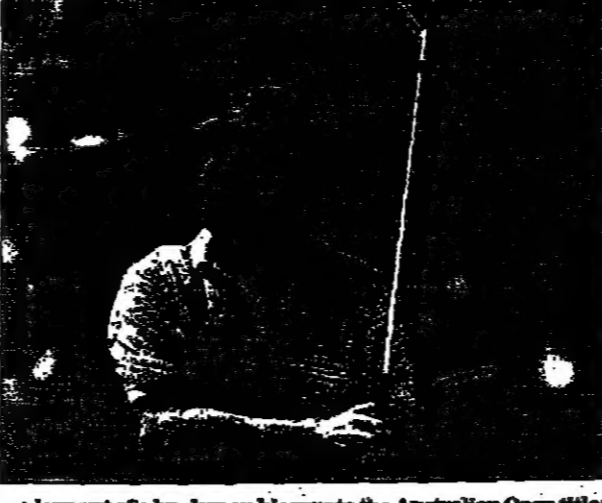




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Also-rans and winners... Britain's two-man bob finishes down the field at Altenberg; Greg Norman plays out of a bunker on his way to the Australian Open title; Virgil Hill is pleased as punch after winning the WBA and IBF light-heavyweight titles in Munich



Weekend results

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FA CUP

FA Cup Round 5 results: Arsenal 1-0 Tottenham, Liverpool 2-0 Manchester City, Chelsea 1-0 Manchester United, etc.

Football League

Football League Division One results: Liverpool 1-0 Tottenham, Manchester United 1-0 Arsenal, etc.

Football League

Football League Division Two results: Ipswich Town 1-0 Norwich City, Reading 1-0 Luton Town, etc.

Football League

Football League Division Three results: Exeter City 1-0 Torquay United, Southend United 1-0 Grays Rovers, etc.

Football League

Football League Division Four results: York City 1-0 Scarborough, Wrexham 1-0 Bangor City, etc.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE

Nationwide League Division One results: Woking 1-0 Havant, Havant 1-0 Woking, etc.

Rugby Union

SAVING A PROVERB

SAVING A PROVERB: International rugby results including England vs Scotland and Wales vs Ireland.

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Rugby League results: Wigan 1-0 Leeds, Hull FC 1-0 Hull KR, etc.

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Golf results: Greg Norman wins Australian Open, etc.

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Baseball results: New York Yankees 4-3 Boston Red Sox, etc.

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Baseball results: Los Angeles Dodgers 5-4 San Francisco Giants, etc.

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Soccer

Premiership: Chelsea 1, Newcastle United 1

# Shearer makes his point

## Commentary

David Lacey

IT WOULD be easy to see in Newcastle United's heroic last stand at Stamford Bridge on Saturday, a stronger case this time for the championship going to St James' Park. Judgment, however, still needs to be reserved.

In keeping out Chelsea's Italian-orientated attack, to force a 1-1 draw after Batty had been dismissed for elbowing Hughes in the face early in the second half, Newcastle appeared to confound critics who argue that poor defending will always be their downfall. For once Kevin Keegan's players did not protect their goal with the discipline and organisation of the Frank Spencer formation dancing team.

Strick, Newcastle's often erratic Czech goalkeeper, made a series of excellent saves, the best to tip over a close-range header from Petrescu. No one panicked, least of all Albert, whose calm presence at the heart of the defence was complemented by an unusually competent display from Peacock.

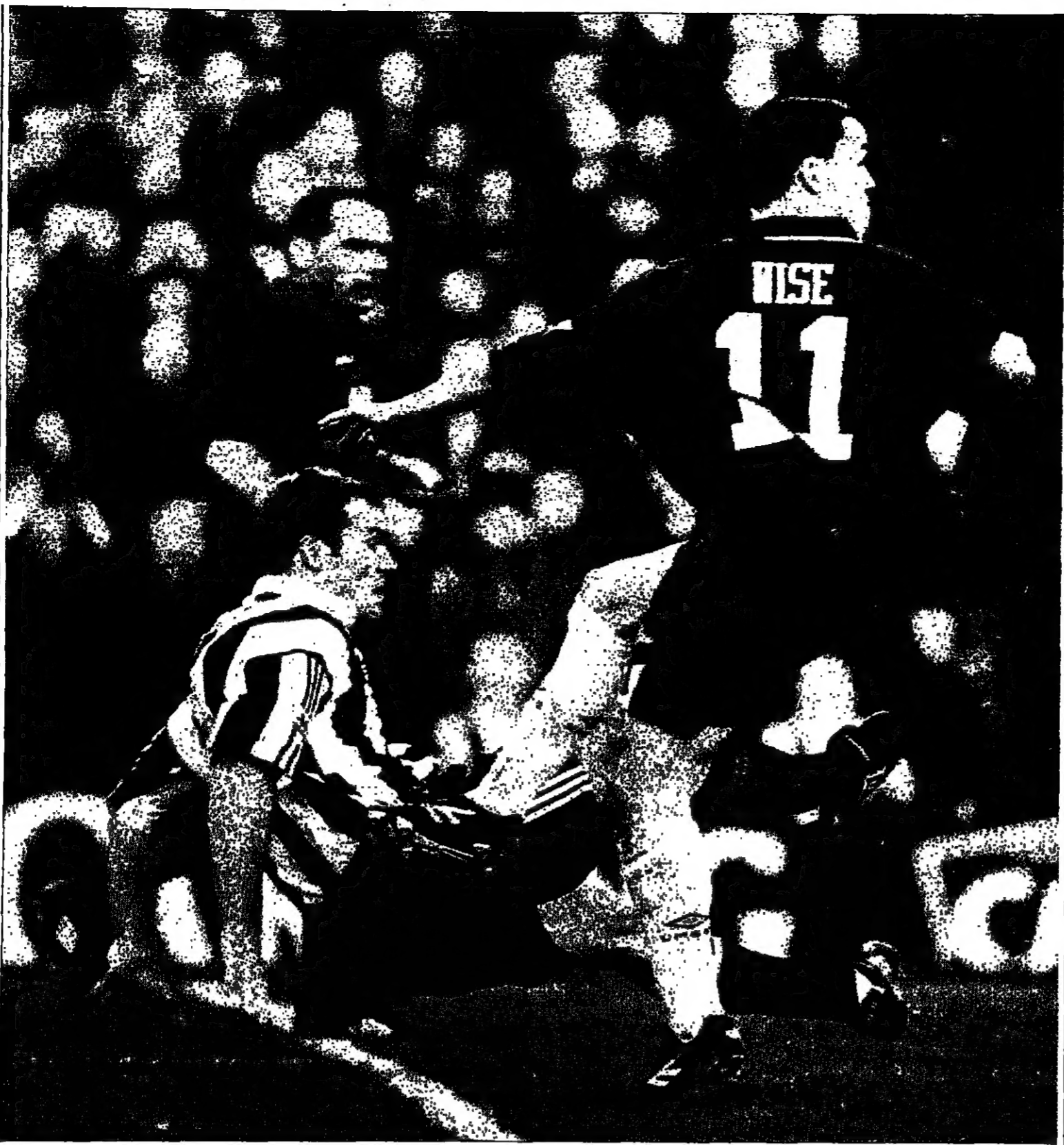
As an example of backs-to-the-wall defending it could hardly have been bettered, even if there was nothing behind the goal at that end except the space where Chelsea's new south stand will eventually be. Yet there are a number of reasons why it would be unwise to cast into this aspect of Saturday's match fresh evidence of Newcastle's championship credentials.

To begin with, one of the reasons why Newcastle survived was Chelsea's continuing lack of a consistent taker of chances in the penalty area. The addition of a third Italian, Zola, to the side has opened up a fresh avenue of approach, and some of the little man's passing was delightful, but they still do not have the means to finish off opponents who find themselves in Newcastle's situation.

Memories of the firmly driven, dipping free-kick from Zola which the finest touch of Vielli's shaven head glanced into the far corner of the net midway through the first half should have sent Chelsea up for victory once Newcastle had been reduced to 10 men. True, Wise did hit the bar with a 30-yard shot late in the game but from closer range Chelsea's finishing lacked the necessary incisiveness.

The intervention of Gullit, Chelsea's player-manager, for the last half-hour brought added skill and stability to their attacks without sharpening its cutting edge. And because the present Chelsea team are not wedded to the English tradition of high crosses to Newcastle's far post, on which should be displayed a sign instructing opponents to "queue this side", this weakness was rarely exposed.

No. If the championship



Full recovery... the falling Alan Shearer strikes after being denied from his first attempt at Stamford Bridge

PHOTOGRAPH BY RICHARD SAKER

finds its way to Tyneside the prime reason will surely be Alan Shearer, who reminded Chelsea of the natural scorer's art. Returning to the Premiership after a month's absence for a groin operation, the England centre-forward brought the scores level four minutes before half-time with a marvellous piece of improvisation.

Kept onside by the fine angle of Asprilla's pass and the timing of his own run, Shearer appeared to have been thwarted by the bravery

of Grodas, the Norwegian goalkeeper whom Chelsea have signed on loan. But even after Grodas had knocked the ball away from his feet Shearer still had the balance, strength and timing to regain possession, make space for himself, and as a defender converged on all sides score with a fierce shot on the turn.

"With a lot of players," said Keegan, "the disappointment of not scoring the first time would have cost them the second chance. But Alan still knew there was an opportunity there, and the finish was fantastic."

Batty was sent off after 62 minutes when, Hughes having jabbed at him twice from behind as he was laying off a short ball to Lee, he gave the Welshman the elbow.

The Newcastle midfielder did not complain at his dismissal but Keegan thought it was another case of "the guy who starts it walks off scot-free and the guy who reacts to it, wrongly, gets a red card. Certainly the referee could have given a free-kick against

Hughes a second before Batty retaliated, but with Lee in possession there was no need to stop the play.

Retaliation, as opposed to retribution, is not normally Batty's game, which partly explains why this was his first dismissal in senior football. He originated in Leeds, remember, and has usually kept faith with the old Revie-Hunter tradition of "live now, pay later".

Keegan felt the sending-off had spoiled the match because he was forced to go against his positive instincts by withdrawing Gincala and Asprilla in order to reinforce his defence. "I feel sorry for the fans," he added. "They were on the verge of seeing a classic but it died on them."

In as much as a free-flowing encounter became a one-way siege, Keegan was probably right. Yet the finish was all the more dramatic for the way the plot had turned against Newcastle, and the survival which kept them top was merely another kind of happy ending.

Liverpool 1, Wimbledon 1

# Anfield boos put Evans on back foot

Ian Ross

AS THEY headed towards the nearest bar after last Wednesday's drawn Merseyside derby, it is unlikely that the players and management of Liverpool were aware of the discontent that was rolling around Anfield like morning mist.

Then, and again on Saturday, it was not the disappointment of missing three points but the manner of their draw which prompted the supporters to bark out awkward, almost rebellious questions, all of which fell on deaf or perhaps unaring ears.

On Wednesday Liverpool had almost allowed the blue manes of Everton to punish their impoverished, barren football. To a man, those with long memories and short tempers wished to know why the Anfield club's manager Roy Evans had not shuffled a pack that, in their opinion, boasted aces on the substitutes' bench but jokers on the pitch.

Evans has based a brief managerial career on unswerving loyalty to a select few. Stan Collymore, until he was fined £20,000 by the club recently, was stoically defended while perpetrating indefensible acts of gross arrogance.

John Barnes, the worn cog at the heart of a slowing wheel, can do no wrong even when he is doing precious little right. He and more worryingly Beckenamp were heckled throughout by those who can recall the halcyon days when the Liverpool midfield was a minefield patrolled by the likes of Jimmy Case, Graeme Souness and Steve McMahon.

After facing Everton, what Evans buys really needed was a soft touch, a side just happy to be taking part: a Nottingham Forest or maybe a Coventry City, Wimbledon do not tug a collective fore-

lock in a show of respect to their supposed betters; almost respectable though they may now be, they so enjoy — bless them — playing out the role of allies, cat in the courtyard of the aristocrat.

But to decry the modern Wimbledon as hit-and-hope merchants who trade, parasite-like, on the shortcomings of others is to do them an injustice. "They can play, you know," Evans said afterwards.

It was hardly an excuse for his own side's lamentable performance, more an honest appraisal from one who would dearly love to see some of his own players similarly blessed with the virtues of passion and conviction.

The match was utterly wretched; and to think Liverpool would have displaced Newcastle United at the top of the Premiership had they won. Not that they ever seemed likely to, even though Collymore drove them in front inside the opening minute after he capitalised on Blackwell's first and last error of the afternoon.

Oyvind Leonhardsen's goal midway through the second half was un spectacular, but deserved and sufficient to extend to 15 matches Wimbledon's unbeaten sequence.

The crowd became increasingly frustrated after the quarter: as a chorus of boos echoed round the stadium at the end.

"I don't think we deserved that," said Evans. "The crowd's anxiety spread to the players. But we can't just stomp balls around, we are a passing side and no one should question our commitment."

"Of course it was frustrating, and we are not firing on all cylinders. I feel we can do better but this is a tough old league. They only had one chance and they stuck it in."

Precisely: a 100 per cent success rate. Now that's championship pedigree.

Southampton 0, Leeds United 2

# Graham sinks early foundations

Russell Thomas

GRAEME SOUNESS has applied the quick fix, with nine new signings in his Southampton squad on Saturday. George Graham is adopting the longer game, examining his player inheritance first. Neither route will guarantee a dramatic breakthrough. But the manager's inspiration-less fare at The Dell.

There seemed to be no managerial winner here. Souness, attempting to check his manager's 30-second press conference before being persuaded eventually to grant a longer, calmer audience. Graham spoke flatly about the task of transforming Leeds — "a long job" — rather than the task just successfully and pragmatically completed.

To the insult of Southampton's 7-1 drubbing at Everton, and now their inadequate reaction against Leeds, was added an injury to Le Tissier: a pulled thigh muscle which will put the captain on the sidelines for three to six weeks.

Extraordinarily, given Souness's spate of signings, he now only has two strikers available, one of them a 30-year-old Senegalese, Aly Dia, on a month's contract. Dia, recommended by George Weah, came on a substitute but made such little impact that he himself was eventually replaced.

Graham has striking problems of his own — the goal here came from his two wing-backs, Kelly and Sharpe — but smoothed over Rush's latest blank with practised ease.

And in defence, even if Radebe neutralised Le Tissier for 31 minutes, Leeds's manager was again confronted by glaring inadequacies, conspicuously on the left flank.

Leeds escaped punishment in the first half to bring Graham his first Premiership away win in five attempts. Lusting fans warmed exuberantly to the dramatic breakthrough. But the manager's head had not been turned.

Graham freely concedes that Leeds "need more quality" but he is still in no rush to spend the millions afforded by the club's new owner. He explains: "It's one thing saying it and another acquiring it. I've always been a long-term builder." How long will Leeds take to build? "It won't be quicker than two years."

Buying British, Graham explained, is an increasing problem, and not only because of the hyper-inflated domestic market. "I think we should all be worried about the quantity of quality players in the English game. For instance you could once shake a tree and centre-halfs would fall out. You don't find that any more."

Souness, before tomorrow's Coca-Cola Cup visit to Oxford, was more concerned with finding the personnel and the leadership required to restore Southampton's equilibrium.

Surprisingly he excluded Woods, his 37-year-old goalkeeper, from his general criticism of senior players. Woods's inaction, as much as the slow reaction of Magilton and Potter, invited the volley that brought Kelly's first Leeds goal. Sharpe's calmly delivered drive merely confirmed the inevitable.

# 'Bullying' Mellor unbowed by FA complaint

DAVID MELLOR yesterday poured scorn on a FA complaint about his radio-show treatment of commercial director Phil Carling over the launch in January of a new England home kit.

Accused of "bullying and hectoring" Carling, Mellor retorted: "Poor little diddums!" On the kit launch, he said: "This is a cynical rip-off. If the FA are incapable of understanding the inevitable outrage of fans then they are even more incompetent than most of our callers think they are."

Mellor was unrepentant about Saturday's Radio 5 Live Six-o-Six Show, in which he often cut short Carling's responses to criticism of the FA's decision to change the kit, rendering obsolete thousands of £70 Christmas presents.

The FA spokesman Steve Double said: "Phil Carling had a major revamp of policy to announce... and he was prevented from doing so. At one stage David Mellor told Phil he was 'not interested' in what he had to say."

Carling had wanted to announce that future England kits would be changed only in summer, with the new strip lasting until mid-1999, and that England fans would be consulted about new designs.

The kit controversy coincided with further signs that the English game is awash with money. The FA Carling Premiership may have a new name next season, when the top clubs hope to treble the current backing of £12 million over four years.

Leicester City 1, Everton 2

# Poole's case for the cock-up theory

David Hopps

THOSE who while away the longest football journeys with their car radios tuned to 5 Live are soon faced with an overriding philosophical decision.

Their conclusion — indeed, not as much a conclusion as a life choice — will determine how they view the bizarre goal that left Leicester City's goalkeeper Kevin Poole such a wretched sight.

They can revel in the cock-up theory of football, as so divertingly presented over Saturday lunchtime by Danny Baker, in which a creative game is stimulating as much for its irretrievable foolishness as its occasional brilliance. In that case,

Poole's first-half aberration invites a mixture of laughter and indignation.

Or they can succumb on the journey home to the self-righteous posturing of David Mellor, where football has scientific rules which must be observed, referees are invariably incompetent, and the game's unintentional humour is suffocated beneath tiresome, whingeing phone calls.

Here, Poole was undoubtedly wronged, an innocent victim in an unjust world.

The Mellor stance on Barmby's devilishly quick thinking in setting up Andy Hinchcliffe for Everton's first goal, cannot be recorded in detail owing to an overriding urge to slam a cassette into the tape deck. But Darren On Line Two was briefly heard to

mean that the referee Jeff Winter and his two assistants were responsible for Leicester's defeat.

The sequence of events was: as Everton were flagged down for offside, Leicester's full-back Grayson rolled the ball back to his goalkeeper, Poole, assuming the free-kick had still to be taken, picked the ball up under pressure from Barmby.

The referee penalised Poole for handling a back-pass and, while the hapless goalkeeper protested on the edge of his area, Barmby tapped a quick free-kick to Hinchcliffe, who chipped the ball into an unguarded net.

The referee's decision to uphold the goal incensed the home supporters, who later cheered the stretching-off of

a linesman after he was inadvertently barged to the ground by Unsworth. Leicester's manager, however, said: "Poole gestured to me, asking whether he could pick the ball up," said Winter. "I shouted, 'No, no, no.'"

Nevertheless even the most wavering Mellorite would wonder about the fairness of allowing the free-kick to be taken seven yards away from where Poole committed the offence.

Bakerites might sense a greater truth, however: the glorious theatre of a reserve goalkeeper, in only his second game of the season, making a hash of it. Poole's luck was also out for Everton's second goal when he pushed Spens's far-post header into the path of Unsworth. Walsh's headed reply for Leicester, seven minutes from time, interest-

ed an serial bombardment that Everton survived to reaction against Leeds, was added an injury to Le Tissier: a pulled thigh muscle which will put the captain on the sidelines for three to six weeks.

Defeated managers forever take refuge in Mellor's world of refereeing incompetence, so the response of Leicester's manager Martin O'Neill was refreshing.

"At the moment I haven't an ounce of sympathy for Kevin," he said. "He is a professional and he should know what he is doing under pressure. If in doubt, kick it out." O'Neill's priority is to check eight times from Trinidad to Heathrow. He hopes his first-choice goalkeeper Kasey Keller will be released from the United States' World Cup qualifying campaign in time to face Manchester United in the Coca-Cola Cup on Wednesday.

Sunderland 1, Sheffield Wednesday 1

# Reid upholds the Stewart line of succession

George Caulkin

MOST managers seem to have a pet player, someone who can do no wrong, someone whose regular first-team place before the home supporters. In Graham Taylor's England days it was Carlton Palmer. With Peter Reid it seems to be Paul Stewart, whose very name over the public-address system before this game drew a Roker rumble of discontent.

Stewart's career on Wear-side began in unconvincing fashion and has followed a

consistently disastrous course ever since. He limped from the field in his first match on loan and his eighth appearance was marred by a sending-off. Two more red cards have followed for the same, meagre tally of goals.

With Craig Russell, last year's top scorer, routinely restricted to the substitutes' bench and the fast-improving Michael Bridges pressing hard for a regular place in the starting line-up, Stewart has few supporters. Bar one.

"As a manager, I make decisions about players," said Reid. "I think the crowd are

entitled to their opinions, but what I particularly don't like is that anyone in a Sunderland shirt should be jeered at Roker Park. That disappoints me a little bit."

It was a sign of strain in Reid's relationship with fans impatient to match the ambition of local rivals at Newcastle and Middlesbrough. As the despairing cry of "Reidy, man, get your cheque-book out, you Scouse git" from one terrace loudmouth below the press box.

There has been no lack of effort in their circumspect manager's attempts to pep up

the club's woeful record in front of goal. Reid admits that the £7.5 million he has at his disposal "is burning a hole in my pocket", but forewarned and forearmed clubs are steadfastly refusing to meet his valuation of their players.

The Israeli international Ronen Harazi, signed for £500,000 pending a work-permit application, is the sole exception and should arrive in time for next month's match at Old Trafford.

With a greater degree of ruthlessness in the final third of the field and more gulls behind, Sunderland would have

buried Sheffield Wednesday in a first half they dominated. Bridges and David Kelly hit the goal frame before Scott Oakes ridiculed the balance of play with a terrific 20-yard shot that crept inside Lionel Perez's right-hand post in the 68th minute.

Andy Melville salvaged a point for Sunderland two minutes later with a scrappy tap-in, but David Pleat caught the mood. "To me it was a cold game," Wednesday's manager said, "a grey game, just like the day." The crowd, who booed Stewart back up the tunnel, agreed.

# FA to act as Schmeichel denies making racist remarks to Wright

THE FA has intervened in the simmering week-long row over alleged racist remarks made by an irate Peter Schmeichel when the Arsenal striker Ian Wright clattered into him at Old Trafford.

The Manchester United goalkeeper denies the accusation, which seems to be supported by the video, and will probably escape punishment by the FA, which will now ask both players for their versions.

The FA spokesman Steve Dore said: "Lip-reading is not an exact science and it's very difficult to prove exactly what was said just by viewing television pic-

tures. But those are serious allegations."

The FA decided to step in after Wright insisted: "I'm not in the habit of getting my fellow professionals into trouble; I've said things myself in the heat of the moment but I have got me into trouble, and I'm sure that's the case with Peter Schmeichel. But what he's done is there for everyone to see."

Wright also wants the FA to rescind the caution he received for the clash. "It was a 50-50 ball and I went for it," he said. "I'm sure his reaction got me booked and I want the FA to overturn that booking."



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# SportExtra



Going for goal again... the Rangers centre-forward Ally McColist, who scored twice and ought to have had a hat-trick, bursts busily through the Hearts defence during yesterday's thrilling final at Celtic Park. PHOTOGRAPH: AUBREY WASHINGTON

Scottish Coca-Cola Cup final: Rangers 4, Hearts 3

## Gascoigne leaves Hearts broken

**H**EARTS, like many before them, came to the painful realisation that leaving Paul Gascoigne and Ally McColist to their own devices can be highly dangerous. Two goals each from the England midfielder and Scotland striker gave Rangers the Scottish League Cup for the 20th time. Hearts' refusal to capitulate throughout an extraordinary final was emphasised by the anger of their manager Jim Jefferies and captain Gary Mackay over a refereeing decision which swung the match in the second half.

Having overcome a two-goal deficit to square the match at 2-2, the Tynecastle side had the scent of a lead themselves in the 64th minute when Robertson was clearly fouled by Bjorklund. The referee failed to award the free-kick and the ball was quickly played forward for Gascoigne, who took a quick turn on the edge of the box and a jab with his right foot sent the ball low to the left of Rousset. The Hearts defenders were guilty of neglect again when a corner kick from the left was met by Petric and headed back towards Moore, who headed it on to McColist. The striker nodded the ball in for his 50th goal in the League Cup, equalling the record established by Rangers' Jim Forrest 30 years ago.

It was Fulton, a minute from the interval, who encouraged Hearts with a powerful low drive from 18 yards after McCann's corner kick had been knocked forward by Cameron. McCann spent the second half roasting Moore down the left and provided the ammunition for Robertson's equaliser, drilled home with his right foot. But by the time Weir headed Hearts' third from McCann's free-kick in the last minute, Rangers had done enough to ensure Walter Smith his 11th trophy since succeeding Graeme Souness as manager in 1991.

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## Tennis Sampras turns the tables on Germany's Boris Becker

Stephen Bierley in Hanover sees Becker lose trial of strength in thrilling ATP final

**T**HE head began to roll and fatigue pressed a heavy hand on Pete Sampras's shoulders, but the tennis world has come to recognise this year that he is not only the No. 1 player in the world but one of sport's great fighters. So it was yesterday afternoon here that after four hours of unrelentingly severe play, with little in the way of gifts and remarkably few unforced errors — at least until the third and dramatic tie-break — the American defeated Germany's Boris Becker 3-6, 7-6, 7-6, 6-4 in the ATP final. It was a victory which even this hugely partisan crowd of more than 15,000 acknowledged with generous applause. It was a wonderful match but in no way comparable to any of the great five-set matches in Grand Slam tennis, notably the John McEnroe-Bjorn Borg 1980 Wimbledon final with its 18-16 tie-break. That was real; this, it must be said, was in a tournament manufactured for money being played at the end of a wearying season. Both players had won this

title twice since it moved from New York to Frankfurt in 1990 and to Hanover this year. Becker said that even he had been surprised by the volume of home support; at least, having played both Becker and crowd once earlier in the week, Sampras knew what he would face. A live band, the bass guitar thundering, played both men in to the deafening pulse of the Rocky theme and the level of support for Becker rarely stilled, reaching a shrieking climax when he won that third tie-break 15-11. Becker had fought off two match points, with both players struggling to hold their nerves together as nerves affected their shots. Becker, extraordinarily, began this final with four successive aces; he then broke Sampras in the fourth game of the first set and served out with peerless tennis. Sampras, who had also lost to Becker in the ATP Stuttgart tournament last month, had been only a little off the pace initially but it was just enough to give Becker, also one of the game's great fighters, an early grip.

It was their 17th meeting. Sampras previously holding a 9-7 advantage and never having lost to the German on three successive occasions. That statistic was to stand, although Sampras was tottering when, after a 24-stroke rally, Becker finally put a backhand into the net to lose the fifth set and the match. Before that final set it had seemed that Becker, four years older than the 25-year-old Sampras, would be the one to pull the fat out of the flames. The American, normally undemonstrative on court, had let out a yell of delight when he won the first tie-break and the adrenalin was still flowing when he nicked the second. But in a mighty fourth set Becker continually slammed the door in Sampras's face whenever it seemed he would walk through to pocket the \$1.340 million (\$200,000) winning cheque. As Sampras sagged visibly, thoughts went back to the US Open quarter-final against Spain's Alex Corretja, a reminder of the American's unquenchable efforts in the midst of seemingly impossible adversity. He is a true champion. And so is Becker. That is what made it such an impressive encounter. The German missed more than two months of tennis this year after badly injuring his wrist at Wimbledon, and the theory was that in a long match he might ultimately be fresher in body and mind. But it was Sampras who eked out that little bit extra. "What a match. Five sets against Boris on his home soil," he said. "The crowd was right behind him but they were fair and it was great fun." For Becker it was the best match of my life. I am proud of it".



Sampras... winner's joy

## Graf is top on a half season

Chris Bowers in New York

**S**TEFFI GRAF will today appear at the top of the end-of-year women's rankings for the eighth time in her career, beating the record of seven she jointly held with Martina Navratilova. The phenomenal German, who is still only 27, was last night seeking to set the seal on her year with victory at the Chase Championships in a best-of-five-sets final against the 16-year-old pretender to her crown, Martina Hingis. For a player who has been

able to contest only 11 tournaments this year because of persistent back and knee injuries, Graf has shown remarkable domination of her sport. Jointly ranked No. 1 with Monica Seles for most of the year, she won three Grand Slam titles to underline her superiority. Of the matches she has managed to complete, she has lost only two. One of those was against Hingis at the Italian Open in May but the German was suffering from back trouble. However, she reached last night's final with a 4-6, 6-4,

6-3 victory over Jana Novotna which owed as much to the Czech's still-frail nerves as to Graf's display. Serving at 5-4 down in the second set, Novotna made two volleying errors, the second a horrendous miss with the court open, and when her first volley on set point was tentative, Graf belted a forehand winner down the line to level the match. Novotna's nerve again faltered when she double faulted twice to give Graf the decisive break in the sixth game of the final set. The 16-year-old Hingis needed considerable tactical awareness to see off the spirited challenge of Iva Majoli, and win 6-2, 4-6, 6-1. The Croatian took a while to get the measure of her opponent's weight of shot, by which time Hingis was a set up. But Majoli came back to take the second set, at which point she looked a potential winner. At the start of the final set a couple of carefully chosen drop shots from Hingis broke Majoli's rhythm, and once the Swiss had regained the initiative the outcome was never in doubt.

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